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Jordan linked to terrorist raid

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Jordan's link to a terrorist gang that planned to wreak havoc on tourist-packed Eilat beaches was confirmed by its only surviving member, according to Israeli authorities.

The account given by Mutazam Bin Mohamed al-Nabeh, under interrogation at Josephthal Hospital in Eilat, contradicted Amman's claim that the terrorist mission was not launched from Aqaba, the Jordanian town neighboring Eilat.

Top Israeli officials held Jordan responsible from the outset.

They were proved correct by Nabeh, a 26-year-old Palestinian who said he was trained and equipped for the mission in Jordan and that he and three other terrorists had departed from Aqaba May 29 on behalf of a Moslem extremist group.

Nabeh was severely wounded in a gunbattle with Israeli soldiers and police in which his companions were killed. The terrorists had just murdered an Israeli night watchman, Yosef Shirazi, who encountered them on his rounds.

The two other terrorists who set out on the mission drowned during a grueling swim from Aqaba, according to the survivor's account.

Nabeh said he was born in the West Bank city of Hebron and became a "born-again Muslim believer." He said he went to Amman 18 months ago to study at a mosque, where he received daily religious instruction, including the doctrine that war on Israel is a holy duty.

He said he received 150 dinars (about $1,500) a month and joined the extremist Moujadin movement after volunteering for action against Israel.

About a month ago, he and three others were sent to Aqaba for intensive instruction in swimming and use of weapons. They were preparing to attack a crowded beach near Eilat, one of Israel's main seaside resorts and a tourist hot spot.

Nabeh said one other member of the mission was a Palestinian and another belonged to Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist group in the Gaza Strip that has been active in the intifada. He said he did not know the background of the fourth member.

According to his account, the four set out at dusk with plastic waterproof containers of weapons, food and dry clothing fastened to their legs. They were supposed to drag them as they swam and also use them as life rafts.

But during the swim, a strong northerly wind began to blow and the current swept them south of their intended landing point, which was a beach north of Eilat.

The swim turned into a harrowing ordeal, according to Nabeh's account. One of the four swimmers discovered his container was leaking, making it difficult for him to swim. He begged for permission to jettison it but the unit commander refused and the man was soon pulled under by its weight and drowned.

Some time later, the commander's container began to leak. According to Nabeh's account, he immediately cut it loose and demanded that one of the other swimmers hand over his container to use as a life raft.

Both refused and the commander supported himself on their shoulders. But a quarrel broke out. Nabeh and his companion pushed their leader away and he soon disappeared.

The two survivors landed and rested on the beach, where they made a meal of pita bread and condensed milk and changed to dry clothes.

When Shirazi, the night watchman at the Hebrew University's Marine Biology Research Institute, discovered the terrorists, they shot him and moved inland.

But the sound of the gunshot attracted attention and the pair were soon confronted by Israel Defence Force soldiers and local police.

Nabeh was formally remanded in custody for 15 days. He will be transferred to a hospital in central Israel and subsequently sent to prison.

Israeli officials said the weapons the two terrorists carried could have inflicted major casualties on the Eilat beaches. They included two automatic assault rifles, 40 hand grenades and a LAW shoulder-mounted missile launcher.

Jordan claimed initially that it had no knowledge of the terrorist mission and that the infiltrators could have come from Egypt or Saudi Arabia, which both abut the Gulf of Aqaba.

ALONE WITH HER MEMORIES

An aged, visually-impaired Holocaust survivor sits alone in her room at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. To help ease their pain and solitude, the Jewish Braille Institute of America has launched a drive to engage outreach workers to visit blind and visually-impaired Holocaust survivors, bringing with them cassette players, audio tapes, special magnification devices and other visual aids. [Yale Strom photo]

Kahane's son barred from Israel election

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel's Central Elections Committee has barred the son of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane from running in the upcoming Knesset elections on grounds that his Kahane Chai-Koach party incites racial hatred.

And the High Court of Justice is due to review a similar ruling barring the other post-Meir Kahane faction, Kach, which was founded by the elder Kahane and now led by veteran activist Baruch Merzel.

Kahane, who served in the Knesset from 1984 to 1988, was banned from participating in the 1988 election under the same law, which was enacted during the previous Knesset with the specific purpose of ensuring that he could not run again.

The rabbi was killed in New York in November, 1990.

Likud joined with Labor and left-wing parties in voting against Kahane Chai. The vote in the elections committee on Wednesday was 25 to 5, with two abstentions, to ban Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane from participating in the June 23 elections.

The Kach party announced in August 1991 that it intended to run a slate of candidates in the next Knesset election. At the time, a Kach spokesman said the ban on the Kach party under the late rabbi had been a one-time matter.

The elections committee also barred three other lists from running — all of them on technical grounds.

One of the three is Medinat Yehuda, another ultra-rightist group whose leading candidate was to have been Robert Manning, currently in police custody in Jerusalem pending the outcome of extradition proceedings against him.

Manning and his wife Rochelle are wanted by the U.S. Justice Department in connection with the July 1980 mail-bomb killing of an employee of a Los Angeles computer firm.

Also ruled out on technical grounds was the Malkhut Yisrael party, led by Avraham Banjio of Acre, whose platform included rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem.

Upon hearing the ruling, Banjio burst into tears. Judge Avraham Halima, chairman of the committee, held that he had not produced a sufficient number of signatories to qualify for the elections. Banjio said his wife had stolen some of the signatures.

The third non-runner was a haredi group, Torah La'am.

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New consul-general

JERUSALEM —

Dror Zeigerman, a 42-year-old former Likud member of the Knesset, will be Israel's next consul general in Toronto, *The CJN* has learned.

Zeigerman is expected to begin his new posting sometime in July, acting consul general Oren David said last week.

Zeigerman will step into the job left vacant by the departure last September of Benjamin Abileah.

Zeigerman was elected to the Knesset in 1981 and became known as the *enfant terrible* of the Likud for his liberal views, Toronto communal leader Moshe Ronen told *The CJN*.

Ronen, who has known Zeigerman since Ronen's student activist days, says the new consul served one term in the Knesset. Most recently, he worked in Israel's tourism ministry.

Zeigerman, who was born on Israel's independence day — May 14, 1948 — and his wife Asi have three children.

Zeigerman's was one of several foreign postings announced recently by Foreign Minister David Levy, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports.

All the appointments were approved by the Foreign Ministry's workers committee.

But opposition Knesset member Yossi Sarid asked the attorney general to advise the appointees that their new jobs may be temporary if the June 23 general election results in a change of national leadership.

Former Likud MK

Sarid, a member of the left-wing Meretz bloc, said the next government will be duty-bound to cancel what he termed "political appointments." He said such appointments should be banned, "especially on the eve of elections."

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Conservative movement's direction under fire

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Two Toronto rabbis criticized the recent direction of the Conservative movement at a meeting of the Ontario region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism at Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill.

"We seem to have lost our sense of direction and are steering by the winds of change rather than tradition," said Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Congregation. He said the Orthodox synagogues have been increasing their memberships at the expense of the Conservative movement.

"Why are we in a state of disarray?" asked Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. "We haven't taught people how to care for halacha. Instead of teaching halacha, we're trying to change it. We're watering things down."

Rabbi Schild said the Conservative movement is unable to say "an unqualified no" on issues of homosexuality and assimilation. "Some rabbis are compromising and sanctioning gay synagogues. Should gays be teachers, rabbis and cantors?"

"We're still finding our way," replied Morton K. Siegel, of New York, director of regional activities. "We don't have to apologize for making mistakes. Seventy-six years is not a long time. I have no sense of despair at this juncture. It is a difficult time; we're beset by intermarriages. When we conquer these problems...who knows?"

Siegel conceded that the movement's law committee has made "unbelievable decisions" and "it has not made decisions it should have."

But he noted that the law committee had stated that "the Torah considers homosexuality reprehensive and homosexuals will not be accepted for ordination as rabbis."

He added: "There is no fuzziness and no vacillation on that. But do you know of any congregation that has ever thrown out a homosexual from its membership?"

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg

In the discussion period, Siegel defended the movement's decision to allow women to be called to the Torah if a particular congregation so decides. The calling of women to the Torah is not a halachic matter, he contended.

In his congregation the decision on halachic matters is made by the rabbi, Rabbi Philip Scheim of Congregation Beth David, B'nai Israel, Beth Am, declared.

"The issue is not how many members we have but what kind of Jews we are," said Rabbi Friedberg.

"Orthodox Jews used to come to us, now we go to them" said Rabbi Schild. "Reform Jews go through our safety net, the golden compromise, into Orthodoxy. Perhaps we have a lack of spirituality and passion. Fundamentalism is very attractive to some young people."

The middle-of-the-road position which the Conservative movement maintains is a difficult one, he said.

Establishment of the State of Israel is a "sea change" for world Jewry. "The galut is not really the galut anymore," Rabbi Schild said. "If you can take a plane to Israel you are not involuntarily in the galut."

Rabbi Erwin Schild

Greetings were brought to the meeting by Jules Surdin, president of the Ontario Region, Ruth Bass, a past president and Sheldon Rotman, president of Shaareh Haim.

Mazon Canada increases grants to fight hunger

TORONTO —

Continuing its response to the ongoing recession and the increased difficulties for those in need, Mazon Canada announced grants to 50 front-line organizations at its most recent allocations meetings. The board approved a total of $56,150, an increase of $4,150 over the last round of allocations, to groups fighting hunger across the country, bringing total Mazon grants since 1986 to over $300,000.

In spite of the difficult economy, donations to Mazon continue to increase, the number of donors is up significantly. Executive director Roger Hyman said that, "I think the general awareness of just how bad the situation is, and how the lives of ordinary Canadians have been seriously compromised by poverty and job loss, has resulted in an increased sensitivity to Mazon and its programs. In particular, there has been a great concern for children and the effects of hunger on their capacity to develop and perform properly."

The following is a partial list of agencies which received Mazon grants: Bikur Cholim, Toronto; B'nai Brith Women, Vancouver; Drop-In Centre, Montreal; Food Bank Moncton, Moncton, N.B.; Glace Bay Food Bank Society, Glace Bay, N.S.; Fort McMurray Food Bank, Fort McMurray, Alta.; Inner City Loaves and Fishes, Sydney, N.S.; Interval House, Toronto; Jewish Russian Community Centre, Toronto;

Manna Verdun, Verdun, Que.; Matton Basaisser Ezras Noshim, Montreal; Moose Jaw and District Food Bank, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Multi-Caf, Montreal; National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto; Peace River Food Bank, Peace River, Alta.; Les Repas Communautaires N.D.G., Montreal; Second Harvest Food Support Committee, Toronto; Share the Warmth, Montreal; Streetlink Centre, Toronto; Tomchai Shabbos Montreal; Tomchai Shabbos Toronto; Upper Room Hospitality Ministry, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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For more information, contact Allen Gerskup at 512-7799.

HOT DOG AT LAG B'OMER

Approximately 1,000 people turned out for the second annual Chernobyl Children Lag b'Omer event. The event included addresses by political and religious leaders, singing and dancing and a hot dog roast. Here, volunteers Nathan Swartzman, Lorie Wolf, Steven Kerzner and Mark Forzon serve up hot dogs. The event was sponsored by the youth of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto.

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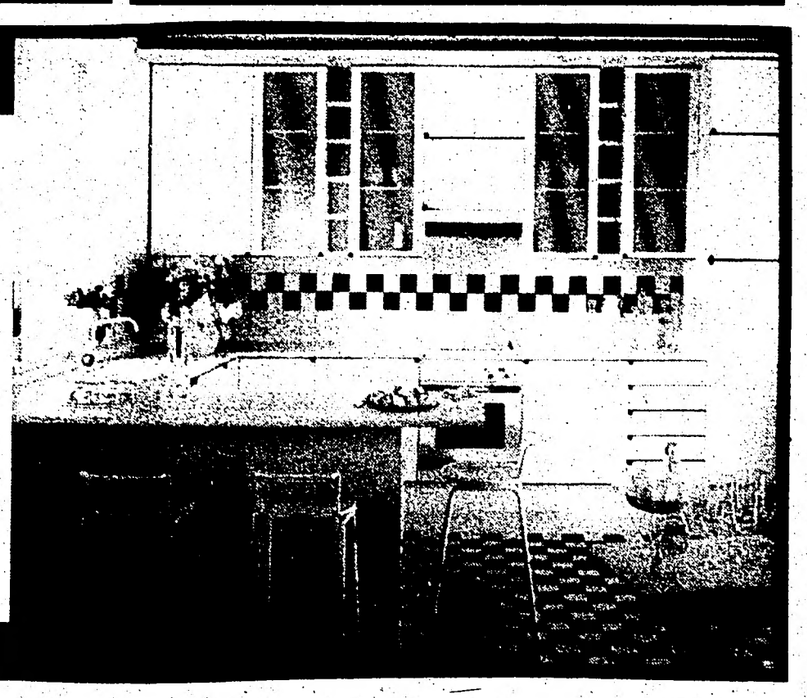

Singles groups reach out

CJC Plenary

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A canoe trip involving 40 Jewish singles during which it rained most of the time turned out to be a most successful event, a forum at the Canadian Jewish Congress was told recently.

"Maybe we should send more people out in canoes in the rain," Yetta Nashman, of Toronto, founder of the Nashman Group for Jewish Singles and co-director of Camp Wahanowin, said.

The Nashman Group has attracted 1,000 young men and women to its events, most of which are held in private homes, and six marriages have resulted, she said.

The Group does not receive grants or community funding.

"Our members are the brightest and the best," she said. "They are young professionals, incredibly successful, but under the stigma of being single. They are tired of the bar scene and of the dances. As one man said to me 'I've done six months of blind dating at this one brunch.'"

Single parents among the group have taken to organizing events for themselves.

In Winnipeg the emphasis is on arranging events which keep singles involved with couples and with the community, Ellen Fleishman said. "Our aim is to take away the singles stigma and help singles to keep contact with married friends," she said.

There are 3,000 Jewish students on campus at the University of Western Ontario and the number is growing, Francis Ender, of the London Jewish Community Council, said.

There is a singles group in London with 40 to 45 members, but only 10 are active attenders of events.

In the Reform Temple to which she belongs, Enders said, 30 to 35 percent of the families are mixed marriages.

The Jewish community of Montreal, which has already shrunk from 130,000 to 85,000 since 1976, faces further erosion of young people if Quebec separates, Glenn J. Nashen, a Cote Ste Luc councillor, and president of the Jewish Adult Programming Society, said.

He said a poll revealed that 80 percent of Anglophones will leave the province if there is separation and predicted this would apply to the Jewish population as well.

The Society, which has a branch in Toronto, was founded in 1987 and organizes monthly parties, seminars, lectures, sporting and recreational events for singles and couples.

Since 25 percent of Jews in Montreal are marrying outside the faith, assimilation has become a "top priority" for the Society, Nashen said.

In the discussion period, Jacqueline Swartz said: "There is a frightening antagonism between Jewish men and women and this problem has not been addressed."

Richard Bassett said there should be courses on marriage and relationships in the Jewish Day schools.

Moderator Robert (Eli) Rubenstein said it is a paradox that as Canadian society becomes more open it is more difficult for young Jewish people to meet each other.

Ethiopians examine rescue

TORONTO —
Yale University arts student Beth-El Tilahun and Concordia University engineering student Natan Assefa were the panelists at the Ethiopian Jewry workshop at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary in Toronto, presenting their perspective on the rescue and resettlement of Ethiopian Jews, referred to as the Ethiopian Jewish miracle.

The two university students had special insight into the matter as they were both part of the miracle, both being Ethiopian Jews born in Ethiopia and coming directly to Canada and resettling in Montreal under Jewish community auspices.

With respect to successful resettlement and integration, Tilahun acknowledged the importance of providing food, shelter, language training, job training, education and general orientation regarding the host community. However, she emphasized the importance of the new arrivals to know, respect, and maintain a large measure of their native culture and traditions.

"In order to move successfully in integrating into the host culture," she said, "it is important to know who you are and where you are coming from. It is also important for the host culture to learn about the culture and traditions of the new arrivals in order to achieve true integration and mutual respect."

Assetas, born and raised in the rural village of Woleka in the remote province of Gondar, was a 17-year-old high school graduate upon arrival in Montreal.

At first he found virtually everything confusing and new. He expressed particular appreciation to the Hillel college students for their warm welcome, their friendship and for their efforts in involving him and other young Ethiopian arrivals in many activities.

Asseta also volunteered that following the competion of his engineering education and training, he plans to join his parents, siblings, and large extended family in Israel.

Tilahun, born and raised in the city of Addis Ababa, arrived in Montreal when she was only 8. As a student at Jewish People's and Peretz Schools and Bialik High School, she became fully integrated in the local Jewish community and was relatively untroubled by questions of skin color. Upon arrival at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where she has just completed her second year as an arts student, she was shocked to discover some of the realities of the tensions between black and white student body in general and between the black and Jewish student organizations in particular in the United States.

As the only black Jew on campus, she found that the way to cope with the enormous tensions was to withdraw from ivolvement in the organized groups and to find her friends and colleagues on an individual basis. Unfortunately, to the Black Student Association members, she, as a Jew, was not fully accepted. From the local Hillel students, she, as a black person, sensed a certain distancing or reticence from them, in contrast to the normal and warm welcome she had experienced in Montreal.

In response to a question as to where they would likely find their marriage mates, the question seemed premature to the young university students. However, Assefa stated that in accordance with Ethiopian tradition, he expected his parents to either choosee his future wife or at least approve of her, thereby displaying the strong influence of the traditional rural village life which he led until the age of 17. Tilahun immediately reacted with a loud "no way!"

The workshop moderator was Stan Cytrynbaum, who for 11 years has served as national chair of the CJC Committee for Ethiopian Jewry.

Quebec not a threat to Jews

TORONTO —
Jews are not under any threat from Quebec nationalism, and the Jewish community of Montreal "is not about to close up shop," a McGill university professor said here recently.

But Harold Waller, associate dean of arts at the university, did say that "a lot of young people are voting with their feet and going elsewhere and I think that's a shame.

"Jews at best are ambivalent about Quebec nationalism and would like to see it contained," Waller said. "French-speaking Jews feel comfortable in the province but are wary and skeptical of the independence project."

Later in the question period of the meeting at Holy Blossom Temple sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, he said: "There is little support for Quebec independence among Jews in Quebec."

Another speaker, Jack Jedwab, community relations director of the Quebec region, Canadian Jewish Congress, declared: "There is virtually no other place in North America where one can maintain a Jewish identity as well as in Quebec."

Jews can keep a place for themselves in the province if they accept that the majority culture is French, Naim Kattan, former associate director of the Canada Council said.

Described by moderator Rabbi Gunther Plaut as "one of the foremost Jewish personalities in this land," Kattan declared: "The Jewish community can be part of the struggle to keep Quebec French. They can be part of that culture and make their society an open society, or they can go away, or feel ill at ease or alienated and the worst thing is to feel alienated."

There is anti-Semitism among French-Canadians but Quebec nationalism as such is not anti-Semitic, Kattan said.

"I can't read the future in Quebec but the present is confused." he said.

At the University of Quebec in Montreal where he is writer in residence, Kattan said that during the last few months his students have been morose and indifferent. "Young people take it for granted that Quebec is autonomous already."

Though the number of Jews in the age group 25-40 is declining, Waller said the Jewish community of Montreal "is vibrant and viable."

He conceded that the "means to raise funds" is declining sharply. There will be a higher percentage of Francophones in the community in the future, he said.

"There is a future for some Jews in Quebec, and a future for some Jews elsewhere. We will have a smaller community and a smaller proportion of Anglophones."

There is no perception among the Jews of Quebec that anti-Semitism in Quebec is greater than in the rest of Canada, Jedwab said. Any claims of this kind are "gross distortions."

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Canada

Hungary law compensates for property

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The government of Hungary has enacted two new pieces of legislation that offer partial restitution to victims of the Holocaust and of the communist regime that ruled until 1989.

The first act offers compensation for property appropriated by state authorities between May 11, 1939 and June 8, 1949. An earlier law, which has lapsed, applied to properties seized after 1949.

The second new law offers compensation to the families of Hungarians killed a result of a court process or who were deported on racial or political grounds or taken to forced labor. It applies to the period running from March 11, 1939 to Oct. 23, 1989, said John Syrtash, a Toronto lawyer with experience in claims against the Hungarian government.

The property compensation law, which applies to victims of the Holocaust, came into effect on June 7 and the deadline for filing for restitution runs for 120 days afterwards.

That legislation applies only to real estate and compensates former owners only for a portion of its value up to a maximum of five million florins, or roughly $75,000 (Cdn), said Lajos Mayer, the Hungarian consul in Ottawa.

Compensation will be paid in the form of vouchers for the partial value of the property and the vouchers can only be used in exchange for state-owned property, Syrtash said, adding that only property seized under a particular law is eligible.

The law offering compensation for death allows a maximum compensation of one million florins, or about $15,000, Syrtash said.

The widow, child or parent of a victim is entitled to the compensation, or a brother or sister if no other relatives survive.

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CJC backs Sunday opening

TORONTO —

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress last week welcomed Premier Bob Rae's green light for Sunday shopping.

For the Jewish community, the go-ahead for wide-open shopping on Sundays means that Orthodox Jews prohibited from shopping Saturdays will now be able to do their shopping on Sundays.

For Jewish business owners, it means no longer having to register a faith with the government in order to remain open on Sundays for religious reasons.

Of course, for businesses owned by observant Jews, wide-open Sunday shopping will mean added competition.

CJC 's position has been to ensure that minorities which do not observe Sunday as a pause day would not be disadvantaged by any Sunday closing laws.

The "only fair solution" to the dilemma was no Sunday closings, coupled with effective protection for workers who refuse to work on Sundays, CJC said in a statement.

Mario Cuomo

Cuomo focuses on Israel friendships

BY FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"Since the intifida a feeling has grown, even among some Jews, that it's not easy to be a friend of Israel," said New York State Governor Mario Cuomo, keynote speaker at a recent Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem dinner honoring White Rose Nurseries founder Alexandre Raab.

Cuomo's remarks focused on the depth and importance of friendship between Israel, the United States and Canada, "three nations committed to the same underlying basic democratic principles." He noted that, along with Israel's "incredible military power," its friendships with the United States and Canada have enabled it to survive.

Of the good relationship that Canada enjoys with the United States, Cuomo reminded the audience of over 500 people that "the world is replete with examples of borders producing disaster rather than harmony. Canada and the United States share beliefs and values."

On a more personal level, Cuomo reflected on his own ties with the Jewish community going back to his youth in Queens when, as a young teenager, he earned pocket money as a "Shabbes goy" for an Orthodox family who had befriended his Italian immigrant parents.

"Remember the rule for Israel to stay alive," Cuomo said. "You outnumber me. Any aggressive move by you against me, and I must defend myself.

"We all want peace," said Cuomo, "but not a peace that would threaten Israel's existence." He outlined three conditions as prerequisites:

• If there's to be an exchange of land for peace, then it's to be only as a result of a total settlement, and only if it's absolutely clear that Israel's right to exist is secured. (He pointed out that in contrast to the Americans who "went with guns bigger than the Indians' arrows and wasted them" in order to get land, Israel took land in self-defence.)

• The Arab economic boycott must be ended and must be part of any settlement.

• "There must be a united, undivided Jerusalem. Period.

"Israel is our political and military ally," Cuomo said. "She is important, indeed indispensable to us in the Middle East. More importantly, she's our friend. The blood of her people is at risk now. We should be helping this friend to survive."

Like Cuomo, honoree Alexandre Raab is a friend to Israel. He came to public attention as the result of several full page open letter ads supporting Israel which he had placed in major newspapers.

In recognition of his humanitarianism, philanthropy and Zionism, Raab was presented with the Scopus Award, the highest honor bestowed by Hebrew University. Dinner proceeds are being put towards science and research equipment for the department of agriculture at Hebrew University in the form of the Alexandre Raab Fund for Scientific Research Equipment.

A reluctant honoree, he agreed to the dinner only because "enough people convinced him that his example to others is as important as his own commitment," said his daughter Serena Raab Goitanich in a tribute speech.

Despite having lost most of his family in the Holocaust, Raab, who survived the war as a member of the underground, considers himself lucky.

He recalls being hidden by a German widow in 1944, and receiving the "safe signal," only to be confronted by two German officers. "When they saw the surprise in our eyes, they said, 'Don't be afraid. We are from the White Rose Society. That was the first time I ever heard the name White Rose. Only after the war did I learn about those courageous Germans who remained as a shining light of human decency and proved that even under the most cruel oppression the spirit of goodness cannot be destroyed."

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Ukrainian Jews find new life

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews in the Ukraine — long a hotbed of anti-Semitism — have nothing to fear now that the republic has declared independence, says a member of Ukraine's parliament.

Jews make up just eight percent of Ukraine's 53 million people and their concerns "are the same as everyone else's: getting milk, bread and butter," Ivan Drach told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

In fact, Drach feels Jews and Ukrainians are kindred spirits because "our tragedies unite us."

Drach, who was on a cross-Canada speaking tour sponsored by the Ukrainian-Canadian Congress, is a leader of RUKH, the Ukraine's pro-democracy movement, as well as chairman of the Council of People's Deputies of Ukraine.

As a liberal and a professional poet, he is keenly aware of the Ukraine's long and sometimes vicious history of anti-Semitism, but now that the breadbasket of the former Soviet Union is free of Moscow's yolk, it can pursue, as Drach puts it, Western-style tolerance of minorities.

Ukraine declared independence following last August's attempt by hard-line Communists to topple Mikhail Gorbachev. In a plebiscite in December, over 90 percent of Ukrainians endorsed sovereignty.

Canada was among the first countries to recognize the new nation. Earlier this year, Ukraine opened an embassy in Ottawa, and Canada cut the ribbon at its new embassy in Kiev.

Drach says it's difficult to know the region's exact number of Jews, as many are registered as either Ukrainians or Russians. But a rough number of 425,000 is generally accepted.

The major Jewish centres — Kiev, Lvov, Odessa and Kharkov — continue to thrive, he notes.

Drach says he's "very surprised" at Ukrainians' "positive" attitude toward Jews. The population is homogeneous: 70 percent Ukrainian, 20 percent Russian, with the rest composed of Jews, Poles, Hungarians and Crimean and Tatar minorities.

He points out that ethnic Poles in Ukraine are opening schools and newspapers and that minorities are generally not discriminated against.

Ivan Drach

Anti-Semitism is "a threat" to democracy, which Ukrainians want sincerely. Ultra-nationalist, anti-Semitic organizations such as Russia's Pamyat won't take root in Ukraine, Drach feels. Pamyat was not allowed entry into Ukraine and a similar group, called the Ukrainian National Assembly, has very few members and is widely dismissed as insignificant, he adds.

Drach also points out that Ukraine has "very good" formal diplomatic relations with Israel. It is not lost on Ukrainians, he says, that Israel was among the first nations to send doctors to the Chernobyl nuclear site following the reactor's near-meltdown, and that children exposed to radiation have received treatment at Israeli hospitals.

The "most important" thing facing Ukraine today is to avoid the sort of ethnic strife that is tearing apart Yugoslavia and republics like Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Another priority is to prevent hard-liners from seizing power.

Communism is alive and well in Ukraine and if the economy doesn't improve soon, there could be a return to the days of old, he warns.

But Drach is confident. Ukraine comprised only three percent of the former Soviet Union but accounted for one-quarter of all manufactured goods and a third of all agricultural products.

He is also quick with an explanation of why anti-Semitism flourished in Ukraine.

"There were reasons for it. Those who enforced Bolshevik rule in Ukraine were Jews. It was their way of fighting the czarist regime. They thought they were establishing democracy. But Bolshevism [ultimately] hurt Jews.

"Now we know that it is important to conduct a slow and correct policy between Ukrainians and Jews. Relations will get better and better."

Jews are prevalent within RUKH and there are "a few" Jewish deputies in parliament, he notes.

Drach says he's looking forward to attending a conference on Jewish-Ukrainian relations in Jerusalem this September.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SEIDMAN

Ruth Milikin, of Scarborough, Ontario, asks for information concerning her mother's surname Seidman. It comes from the German word for silk — Seide (pronounced zyda).

Seidman is an occupational name for one who manufactured or dealt in silk.

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MILKOW — MALKOW

Alan Malkov, of Thornhill, Ontario, relates that his father was born in the town of Novogrudok in East Poland (now White Russia) with the surname Milkowiczi. This name is derived from a village in Eastern Poland called Milkow. Although his father changed his name to Malkow it bore a closer resemblance to the name of his birhplace.

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Moshiach Matters

Moshiach and Moses - a Contrast

No one in the annals of our Prophets and Kings could emulate the noble status of Moses, upon whom it is written, "And there arose not a Prophet since then in Israel like Moses."

The *Talmud* elucidates on this:

King Solomon desired to attain the status of Moses. A Heavenly voice came forth and cited this verse, "there arose not a Prophet in Israel like Moses" — neither a Prophet nor a King (can emulate the status of Moses). Others say, no other Prophet arose, but a King (like Moses) can arise.

This indicates that Moshiach, a King, can attain the status of Moses. *Rambam*, however, offers a somewhat different description:

All Jews, including their Prophets and Torah scholars, desire to see the Messianic era, in order to be freed from the oppression of the nations who do not permit them to study Torah and to observe *mitzvos* properly. For, the King who will rise up from King David's progeny will be a man of wisdom on a higher level than King Solomon, and he will be a great Prophet close to the status of Moses. Therefore, he will teach all the people and will guide them in the path of G-d.

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It seems that Rambam concurs with the Talmudic opinion that even among Kings, no one will rise up like Moses.

Yet, with reference to the status of a King — the *Talmud* describes Moshiach as a person who will judge with his sense of smell, as is written, "and he shall be animated — *v'harichu* (power of smell) with the fear of G-d." Said Rava: This means he will be able to detect the truth of a person's statement and will truthfully judge who is guilty, as is written — "not after the sight of his eyes shall he judge." Upon this the Talmud relates:

Bar Kochba (a King from the family of Hordos) reigned for 2 1/2 years. He then told the Rabbis, 'I am Moshiach.' But, they replied: 'With reference to Moshiach it states that he will judge with the sense of smell; let's see if you are capable of doing this.' When they saw that this King, Bar Kochba, does not have this extra-sensory perception -- the criteria of Moshiach — he was sentenced to death.

Even according to the Talmudic opinion that there may arise a King like Moses, such as Solomon, yet, he was only able to judge on the basis of witnesses. Moshiach will judge with an extra-sensory perception, in the capacity of a King — not as a Prophet — since a Prophet cannot judge with his power of prophecy.

This status of Moshiach vis-a-vis Moses is also seen in *Midrash Tanchuma*, which comments on the verse:

"Behold, My servant shall be wise, he shall be exalted and placed very high."

Moshiach is called "the great mountain," inasmuch as he is greater than the Patriarchs. "He shall be exalted" — more than Abraham. "And uplifted" — higher than Isaac. "And placed very high" — higher than Jacob. Moreover, even "Higher than Moses."

Eitz-Yosef clarifies Moshiach's esteem:

In his battle against the Kings, Abraham saw a miracle, when he and his servants attacked them at night. The Midrash relates that Abraham spread out a little dirt which miraculously turned into swords, and the straw turned into arrows, as is written, "he places dirt as his sword, as stubble his bow." With these miraculous weapons he overpowered all the Kings. Moshiach, however, will be higher than Abraham. For, Abraham needed dirt and straw to begin with, whereas regarding Moshiach it states, "He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked."

"And he shall be higher than Moses": For, Moses did not have an everlasting leadership upon the Jews, inasmuch as he himself transferred the reins of leadership to Joshua. Whereas with reference to Moshiach it states, "And David My servant shall be a leader forever." This alludes to Moshiach, a descendent of King David.

Another explanation of Moshiach's superiority over Moses is: In the future, the miracles of the Exodus will be secondary in comparison to those of Moshiach. Our Sages note that the Exodus will not lose its place in our history but it will be secondary in significance to the final redemption, due to the profound, overwhelming miracles which will be performed in the Messianic era.

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CJN Exclusive

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

As director of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein has set out once again to challenge stereotypes. One of the first woman rabbis in Toronto, following her ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1983, she served as assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple and organized synagogue services for the deaf when she held that position.

Now, having left the pulpit (she served as rabbi of Temple Beth David, a 200-family congregation outside of Boston before assuming her present position last year), Rabbi Goldstein is offering traditional Jewish study in an untraditional context through her work at Kolel, an academy of Jewish studies sponsored by the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

In an interview with CJN reporter Frances Krafi, Rabbi Goldstein spoke about her work at Kolel and about a variety of Jewish issues from her perspective as a Reform rabbi who is also a committed feminist.

CJN: *How common is it to study the traditional texts in the context of Reform Judaism, as you do at Kolel?*

Rabbi Goldstein: There's a lot of Torah study in Reform temples, but there's no systematic ongoing program of text study. At Kolel we study Talmud, Torah with classical commentaries in Hebrew, Midrash, and all the classical texts in semester-long classes.

CJN: *Is this study relevant?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Some is very relevant. In our fall class on Jewish Ethical Living, we're going to study what Judaism says about issues such as giving charity, sibling rivalry, sexual relations, and Lashon Harah (slander).

CJN: *Who studies at Kolel?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Almost half our students are unaffiliated, and of the other half, the majority are Reform, but we have Conservative, Reconstructionist and even some Orthodox students.

There's such a nice intermingling of the students. It's exciting. Everyone has a different perspective, and they're very much invited to share their perspective.

I think there's a particular hunger in the non-Orthodox community. Those people really want to learn traditional Judaism, but they still want to live a Liberal lifestyle.

CJN: *This is a shift from where Reform was for a long time. Can you explain it?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Yes. I think there's a tremendous amount of understanding now in the Reform movement that social action, which has always been our banner, is holy work, but that what brings people to Judaism is spirituality, ritual, a sense of understanding what it is that the holy books say, and how they can make that work for themselves.

There's a tremendous move back. In every Reform congregation in Toronto, you will see talleisim, you'll see yarmulkas. Of course you'll see women in talleisim too, which is joyful for me.

CJN: *Has there been any reaction to Kolel from outside the Reform community?*

Rabbi Goldstein: We did get one call when we first started from someone who claimed that we weren't really a kolel and we had no right to use that name, because a kolel has to be Orthodox.

The word "kolel" is a generic word for serious in-depth adult study concentrating on Talmud, and that's what we do. We just do it in a different way.

CJN: *Would you comment on the polarization in the Jewish community, especially between Orthodox and Reform. Is it something you're addressing?*

Rabbi Goldstein: We talk about it all the time, sure. There are two ways to look at the problem.

If you said, "Let's all follow Halachah in an Orthodox fashion," you would lose a significant portion of the Jewish community.

I'm not afraid. I think that the different movements lend a great deal of creativity to Judaism, new vitality. Each one has something to offer. That is the second way of looking at it: to say, "Is there something we can use and learn from each other?"

CJN: *Is any progress being made in Toronto towards that kind of acceptance?*

Rabbi Goldstein: The Conservative and the Reform are trying very hard to work together on some issues. The best example is our community mikvah. We have a mikvah that is jointly owned and run by the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movement.

Will the Orthodox movement come in? No, it won't. That's something I've learned to live with.

There are Orthodox rabbis throughout North America, and I treasure them, who work with me, who respect me, and who value my perspective. I don't ask them to share my perspective, and they don't ask me to share their perspective.

I'm not going to spend my energy on a group that isn't going to accept me, so I take that energy and give it to my students.

That doesn't mean I can't get angry at some of the anti-Reform sentiment I see in the community, at some of the generalizations and the stereotypes, but then again, we see a lot of stereotypes and generalizations about Orthodoxy.

CJN: *Are there any misconceptions you would like to correct now?*

Rabbi Goldstein: The big misconception that Kolel is correcting is that Reform Jews aren't learned and they don't care about Jewish study.

CJN: *Intermarriage and assimilation have become a very big issue in the Jewish community. What do you tell your students about it, especially those who aren't affiliated?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Assimilation and intermarriage go hand in hand, but they're also two separate issues.

Assimilation is a fact of life. You can say, "You have to come back to Judaism the full Torah-Halachic Orthodox system," or you can say, "There's something attractive about secular society, and maybe we ought to reconsider ways of staying totally committed to Judaism and also balancing what I would call acculturation into secular society."

People will will come back to Judaism and will remain committed to Judaism when they feel that Judaism makes sense in a lifestyle that encompasses many different facets.

Judaism has a lot to say about everything, and it can inform every moment of your life. People think if you're religious, then you're Orthodox. I am a religious Reform Jew, and many of my students are observant, religious Reform Jews.

CJN: *When you say an observant Reform Jew, what does that mean?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Shabbat is an easy example. We drive to synagogue, but that's not an issue for us. We don't go shopping, we don't go to the mall, we do use electricity, we do use the car to visit people.

We make informed decisions as to what we feel is in the spirit of Shabbat and what is not, but we absolutely keep Shabbat every week. There's no question when Friday night comes that it's Shabbat. We do candles, wine and challah. We have a family night at home. We don't go to movies, we don't watch TV. It's clearly a different day. And Saturday we go to synagogue, every week.

We might not spend Saturday afternoon doing what Orthodox Jews would consider the "proper" things. We might go on a picnic to the park. We might do something that requires not walking.

But, you see, it's not easy to be a Reform Jew. Everybody has this erroneous misconception that you're Reform because it's easy. It's the opposite. It's much easier to be an Orthodox Jew, because everything's so black and white. You *can* do this, you can't do that. Women do this, men do that. It's so clear.

If you're a Reform Jew, you have to constantly be making informed decisions. That's another goal of Kolel. To give Liberal Jews the tools to make those informed decisions.

CJN: *What about intermarriage?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Intermarriage is also a fact of life. The Reform movement is just as concerned as all the other movements. We do welcome intermarried couples into our congregations, because we don't see any benefit to kicking them out of the community. That means we've lost a Jew, and we've lost a potential Jew."

In many ways, we welcome the non-Jewish spouse because we feel that if they married a Jew, it's possible that they'll find something attractive in Judaism. I'm not saying we're looking for potential converts, but what benefit is it to the Jewish community to reject these people?

It *is* a problem. We have kids in our religious schools who are the products of intermarriage, and we see that there is confusion.

We are very cognizant of the issues, but we're equally cognizant of the possibility that eventually the Jewish partner may find enough meaning in his or her Judaism to be a committed Jew, and who knows, maybe the children will be raised as committed Jews.

CJN: *What advice do you have for your young students if they ask you about interdating?*

Rabbi Goldstein: [I say to them,] if you find Judaism really meaningful, even if you only find one aspect of it meaningful, let's say Shabbat, even if only Friday night, imagine yourself in a situation where your partner isn't sharing that with you. Where are the compromises going to come in?

I talk about marriage as a partnership, a spiritual partnership, and if your spirituality is different than your partner's, something is awry in that spiritual partnership. I do not perform intermarriages, but that's not to say that people don't fall in love with non-Jews, and I have no right to stand between them and say you cannot marry the person you love.

CJN: *In a recent speech, you mentioned a problem you called "kosher sexism." What do you mean by that?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Kosher sexism runs the gamut. JAP jokes are one aspect.

There's kosher sexism in that the Jewish community tolerates certain myths about what women can and cannot and should and should not do if they're Jewish, under the guise of tradition. So much of it is incorrect, and so much of it is just what somebody once called "Zaidi meyses."

CJN: *How are the needs of minorities within Judaism — the disabled, gays and lesbians, people with AIDS — being addressed?*

Rabbi Goldstein: The Reform movement has always been in the forefront in that area.

There are groups and groups of people who are spiritually hungry, who are Jewish but disconnected from the incredible richness that that can give their lives.

Holy Blossom did a big [outreach program] for Jews with AIDS. I don't know if there's anything else [similar] going on.

It seems to me that Jews better than anyone know what it means to be on the fringe. We can't afford to marginalize our own.

CJN: *Do you feel that you still have to justify being a feminist in the Jewish world?*

Rabbi Goldstein: All the time. A hundred years from now, we will look back and we will see feminism as the normative, just the way abolition of slavery was in the States.

CJN: *Do you ever feel a conflict between your feminism and your Judaism?*

Rabbi Goldstein: Oh, sure. Most of us do, much of the time.

CJN: *How do you deal with it?*

Rabbi Goldstein: I always try and find the place where they meet. I've never had to choose between one and the other. As a Reform Jew, of course, I've never had to say, "I can't do that as a woman, [referring to] something Jewish."

In the feminist community I'm always very proud of my Judaism, and I insist on being accepted as a Jewish feminist. Ultimately I'm very optimistic.

Mossad illegal operations reported in Canada

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

The chairman of a committee that monitors the activities of Canada's spy agency has confirmed that the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence service, operated illegally in Canada two years ago.

John Bassett, chairman of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, an independent group that reports to Parliament on the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), told a parliamentary committee last month that Mossad agents conducted activities in Canada in 1990 without Ottawa's permission.

Bassett is the first Canadian security official to confirm a claim by former Mossad officer Victor Ostrovsky, who has stated that Israelis sent two agents to his home in Nepean in 1990 to stop him from publishing a book on the Mossad.

Among other things, Ostrovsky claimed that Mossad operated in Canada without necessary Canadian government consent.

Last February, Canada's new ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector, revealed that a senior Israeli diplomat and a top-ranking Mossad officer were rebuked by Canadian authorities for the Mossad's activities here.

Bassett was more blunt.

"The Mossad agents were reamed out, more or less," he said.

Bassett and CSIS director Raymond Protti confirmed that the Mossad never obtained permission to operate in Canada, but they refused to describe its activities as illegal.

Bassett said CSIS has closed the book on the matter.

The Israeli embassy in Ottawa refused comment.

Alex Morrison, director of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, told *The CJN* he's "never surprised" when it is revealed that friendly countries spy on each other.

Morrison believes Israel was engaged in espionage in Canada for a variety of reasons: "Canada is a great place from which to view the United States. Canada has a strong Jewish lobby and a strong Arab lobby. The Mossad probably also wanted to know what CSIS was up to."

Although Morrison believes that the Mossad has ceased its activities here, he said spying for Israel likely goes on by others not officially connected with the spy agency.

Public funds urged for health care in schools

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Eight days of legal argument wound up last week with an Ontario court hearing a plea that it end the provincial government's "blatant discrimination" that sees students in Roman Catholic schools receive health services while those in Jewish schools do not.

The provision of those services is essentially a health issue, not an educational one, lawyer John Laskin said. "The government is obliged to provide this on a non-discriminatory basis."

Laskin, along with Edward Morgan, is representing five Jewish parents who are asking the Ontario Court of Justice to order the government of Ontario to provide public funds for Jewish schools as well as for health services. The parents are acting in concert with Canadian Jewish Congress.

Under current practice, only Catholic independent schools (and public schools) receive public funds as well as health services such as audiological and speech diagnostic therapy.

In his submissions, Laskin said that failure to extend health services to Jewish schools violated the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He rejected arguments advanced by lawyers for the Attorney General of Ontario that Jewish children could receive treatment elsewhere, saying the whole point of the program was to provide the services in school. "You can't get an education in the hospital," he said.

Turning to an argument presented by lawyers Hart Schwartz and Robert Charney, representing the province, that the Supreme Court of Canada already decided the issue of school funding in a case known as the Bill 30 reference, Laskin said the issues being raised in the current case are different. The parents are not asking to kill separate school funding, but extend it, he said.

Furthermore, the court should take a principle and purposive approach to determining the parents' application, he said. The underlying constitutional principle in allowing funding of Catholic schools was the protection of religious minorities. Other religious minorities should be protected as well, he added.

In documents filed with the court, Schwartz and Charney said "private religious schools receive indirect financial aid in the form of exemption from property taxes on non-profit private schools; income tax deducation for tuition attributable to religious instruction; and income tax deductions for charitable purposes."

Schwartz and Charney also argued that educational rights are an exception to the principle of equality; and that parents with children in Jewish day schools "cannot complain that their freedom of religion is infringed because the province does not subsidize their choice [since]. . . the province has not obligation to either offer or finance religious instruction or indoctrination. . . it has no constitutional obligation to fund individuals who, for religious reasons, exercise their freedom to opt out of the public school system."

In other argument, lawyer Brian Kelsey, representing the Metropolitan Toronto School Board and the Ontario Public School Boards Association, was reported in the *Toronto Star* as saying there is a difference between religious freedom and a right to funding.

Other interveners in the case included the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which has taken a position that public schools are the best forum for creating harmonious relations between people of different backgrounds and the Ontario Federation of Independent Schools. The Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, like Congress, is backing a suit by four parents with children in Protestant fundamentalist schools.

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Libya accused of backing rightists

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Warren Kinsella works for the man who may become Canada's next prime minister and these days, the young speechwriter for Jean Chretien is down on the government.

"What does it say about the Canadian government when an outlaw nation like Libya can help fund white supremacists in Canada?" the 32-year-old lawyer and one-time investigative journalist asked *The CJN* in a interview last week.

"And it doesn't speak well of the government and police agencies that they've played down, if not ignored, the activities in this country of Libya, Syria and Iraq. Ottawa owes it to the Canadian people to act. We've got to be more informed on this."

"This" is Kinsella's explosive allegation, contained in his just-released book, *Unholy Alliances* (Lester Publishing, $26.95) that for a decade, if not longer, Libya's erratic leader, Col. Muammar Qadhafi, has directly helped fund the Nationalist Party of Canada, a neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic and white supremacist organization headquartered in Toronto, whose leader has been convicted of promoting hatred, possession of explosives and conspiracy to commit arson.

Kinsella is blunt. He calls it "a criminal act" for a foreign nation to channel money to a group clearly operating on the fringes of Canadian society.

Late last month, B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress joined Liberal MP Lloyd Axworthy in demanding the federal government investigate Kinsella's findings, which point to Libya's having extensive and well-oiled terrorist links to Canada.

Unholy Alliances makes a number of chilling allegations, among them, that:

- Qadhafi has managed to team ultra-leftists and ultra-rightists from around the world in a bizarre new philosophy known as the Third Position or the Third Way. Third Positionists, among them white supremacists and black radicals, equally abhor capitalism and communism and support Qadhafi's fight against Western imperalism and Zionism. What unites them is their loathing of Israel and Jews.
- Extremists groups in Canada such as the Oka Mohawk Warriors and the Nationalist Party of Canada have received funds directly from Qadhafi through shadowy intermediaries operating in this country. Among them was an Ottawa travel agency Kinsella says was a Libyan front company and whose owner, Mousa Hawamda, was Qadhafi's chief spy here.
- There is a connection involving the principal figures behind the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which two Canadians died, and those who ran a Libyan spy network in Canada.
- The dubious Bank of Credit and Commerce International, whose dealings are under investigation around the world, assisted a Libyan money laundering scheme in Canada.

And all this took place, the author asserts, "under the noses" of the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

"There has been a real reluctance to deal with the issue, a real lackadaisical attitude," Kinsella says. "Even I was very surprised to discover that Libya has an interest in a place like Canada. It's kind of weird, this whole notion of the extreme right and extreme left coming together. But when you think about it, it isn't so weird at all. These groups have a lot in common. They're racialist, tribal and most of all, anti-Semitic.

"The new generation of racists is quite willing to accommodate non-white support because when you distill their philosophy to its most basic element, you'll find they just hate Jews.

According to Nationalist Party of Canada leader Don Andrews, who was interviewed for the book, the money his group has received from Libya is "negligible ... "

Last month, Axworthy, the Liberal external affairs critic, called on External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall to look into the allegations.

B'nai Brith also called on Ottawa to look into the revelations, particularly the funding of the Nationalist Party and "the possibility of foreign terrorist networks operating here."

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שבועות — אַ יום־טוב אָן מזל

(פעליעטאָן) פון דר. פרעד ווייַנבערג

שבועות איז אַ יום־טוב אָן מזל. נישט אין דער יידישער היים און נישט אין שול האָט שבועות אַ דראַמאטישן פאָקוס. שבועות רופט נישט אַרויס קיין שום געפיל פון בענקשאַפט אין משפחה־קרייז און אויך נישט אין דער סינאַגאָגע.

עס איז אַ גרויס רעטעניש, אַז דאָס שענקען פון דער תורה אום שבועות האָט נישט אַרויסגערופן כאָטש אַ קליין ביסל פונעם געדודער, וואָס איז פאַרגעקומען ביים באַרג סיני בשעת מתן־תורה. דעמאָלט, ווי ס׳איז אַלעמען באַקאַנט, האָט געדונערט און געבליצט אוּן מען האָט געבלאָזן מיטן שופר.

די איצטיקע פייערונגען פון שבועות ווערן נישט באַגלייט פון קיין שום רַעש־דיקע אָדער דראַמאַטישע צערעמאָניעס. פאַרוואָס האָבן אונדזערע רבנים נישט צוגעטיילט שבועות כאָטש אַ ביסעלע מער פרייַלעכקייט, אַזוי ווי צום ביישפיל צו שמחת־תורה, ווען יונג און אַלט טאַנצן אוּן זינגען דעמאָלט, ביים ענדיקן דאָס יאָרלעכע לייענען פון דער תורה.

באַטראַכט נאָר ווי מזל־דיק עס איז פסח: די גאַנצע משפחה גרייט זיך צו פראָוונען דעם סדר. דער טיש איז אָנגעלאָדנט מיט פאַרשיידענע סימבאָלישע מאכלים — מצה, מרור און חרוסת; די קינדער באַטייליקן זיך מיט פרעגן די פיר קשיות און מען דערציילט וועגן דער ביטערער קנעכטשאַפט און וועגן דער שמחה פון באַפרייאונג, אַזוי ווי די הגדה האָט עס פאַרצייכנט.

אויך ראש־השנה קען אין דער הינזיכט נישט האָבן קיין טענות. מען בלאָזט שופר פאַר אַ גרויסן עולם מתפללים; די הילכיקע תקיעות וועקן געפילן פון חשובה און רופן אַרויס פערזענלעכע רעזאָלוציעס פאַרן נייַעם יאָר. יום־כיפור איז אויך מזל־דיק, ווייל יעדער איינער וויל זיין אין שול צו הערן דעם נאָסטאַלגישן כל־נדרי ניגון; און דאָס פאַסטן אַ גאַנצן מעת־לעת איז אויך אַ ספעציעלע געשעעניש.

שבועות איז אָבער געבליבן פאַר־יתומט. אפילו די יזכור־תפילה ברענגט נישט אין שול אַריין די מאַסן־דאָוונערס, ווי דאָס איז דער פאַל מיט אַנדערע יום־טובים. אויב אַזוי, מיט וואָס האָט שבועות געזינדיקט זיך אין גאַנצן נישט אויסצוצייכענען? און אַז מען זאָגט שוין „אקדמות״ ביים שבועות־דאָוונען, איז וואָס? אַ לאַנגווייליקע פאָעמע פאַרפאַסט אין עלפטן יאָרהונדערט פון מאיר בן יצחק נהרי, אַ פראַנצויזישער חזן. דער אקדמות־פיוט האָט נייַנציק שורות, אין אַ ציינבערעכנדיקן אַראַמאישן לשון, וואָס קיינער פאַרשטייט נישט. אָקיי, איר זענט געוועכט. ס׳איז טיף אין פאָעטישן אינהאַלט: „וען אַלע ימים וואָלטן געווען טינט און אַלע געוּנדזענע פעדערן פענעס...״ א.א.וו. אָבער זאָגט דעם אמת, געפעלט אייך דער אינהאַלט? די ספרדים זיינען קליגער, ביי זיי ווערט דאָס אויסגעלאָזן.

איז טאַקע, מיט וואָס האָט שבועות זיך צו באַרימען? אַזוי ווי ס׳איז דער יום־טוב פון די ערשטע פרוכט, ד.ה. חג הבכורים — אַ ביבלישע, אַגריקולטורעלע פייערונג אין די בית־המקדש צייטן — ברענגט מען היינט אין שול אַריין אויף דער בימה עטלעכע צענטנערס גרינע צווייגן, אמת׳דיקע אָדער פיקטיוו. אַ שיינע מציאה! מען לייענט אויך אין שול די מעשה פון רות און בועז — אַ שיינער ראָמאַן, אָבער וואָס פאַר אַ שייכות האָט עס מיט שבועות? ווייל דער יום־טוב שבועות און די רות־געשיכטע זיינען ביידע אין דער ראַם פון אַ פאַסטאַראַלער סביבה? איז פאָלג מיך אַ גאַנג.

נו, אדרבה, נישט צו פאַרגעסן די מאכלים פון שבועות. ווייסט איר, למשל, פאַרוואָס מען עסט מילכיקס? ווייל איינע פון די נעמען פונעם באַרג סיני איז „הר־גבנונים״, פונעם שורש גבינה, ד.ה. דער קעז־באַרג. אָבער ווי קומט עס צו די געשמאַקע חנוכה־לאַטקעס, אָדער צו די המן־טאַשן פון פורים? און אַזוי ווי מיר האָבן דערמאָנט חנוכה מיט די ליכט און מתנות, און פורים מיט די גראַגערס, שפילערס, עד־דלא־ידע טרינקען און די גאַנצע מגילה, — איז דען דאָס אַ פאַרגלייך צו דעם מילכיקן שבועות? פון קעז־בלינצעס מאַכט זיך נאָך נישט קיין איבערראַשנדיקער יום־טוב.

שבועות האָט זיך פאַרדינט צו באַהאַנדלט ווערן כאָטש אַזוי ווי סוכות. דערמאָנט זיך נאָר: מען שטעלט אויף אַ סוכה, די קינדער העלפן זי באַפוצן מיט אַלערלייַ פרוכטן; מען נוצט אַ לולב צו שאָקלען און אַן אתרוג צום שמעקן און בענטשן. דערצו מאַכט מען אַ פאַראַד אַרום און אַרום אין שול.

איך פאַרשטיי לגמרי נישט, פאַרוואָס מען האָט שבועות אַזוי אַרעם באַהאַנדלט. נו, האָט אַ טענה צום רבונו של עולם! ווען דער סנהדרין וועט ווידער אויפגעשטעלט ווערן, דאַרף מען אָט די פראַגע באַטראַכטן און זי אַוועקשטעלן אויבן־אָן פון טאָג־אַרדנונג. כ׳בין אָבער נישט צו אָפטימיסטיש, אַז איין־און־זיבעציק רבנים וועלן אַלע גלייך אייגנשטימען צו באַהאַנדלען שבועות יושר־דיק.

נו, זענט איר נישט מסכים מיט מיר, אַז שבועות האָט טאַקע ווייניק מזל? גוט יום־טוב! חג שמח!

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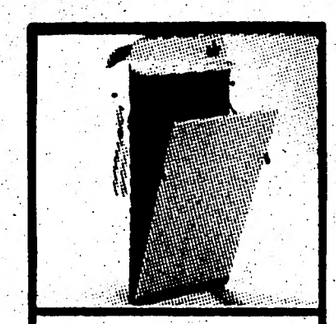

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Herb Rosenfeld (left) of Toronto and Gladys Rose (right) of Saskatoon received the Sam Filer Distinguished Service award from Judge Filer at the recent CJC Plenary. Standing behind Judge Filer is his wife, Toni Silberman. [Alron photo]

Filer award recognizes service

TORONTO —

The presentation at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary of the Sam Filer Distinguished Service award to Gladys Rose of Saskatoon and Herb Rosenfeld of Toronto marked a milestone in three lives.

For Rose and Rosenfeld, the award, designed by Toronto artist Howard Fox, recognized decades of service in three very different Canadian communities.

And for Judge Sam Filer, said his wife Toni Silberman, "It is a day for giving and for thanksgiving."

Filer, who serves on Ontario's Court of Justice, has amytrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). When the award was inaugurated at the 1989 plenary in Montreal, he was unable to attend.

Silberman paid tribute to Filer's family and friends — "and members of Congress are our family," she added. "Without your support he would not be here today."

In presenting the awards, Silberman noted that the criteria are extensive. Recipients must have demonstrated continued leadership of an exemplary nature, with no small degree of self-sacrifice.

Of Gladys Rose, Silberman said: "There is very little in Saskatchewan that has not been touched by her efforts."

Rose has served as chairman of CJC Saskatchewan region since 1986. She has been involved in the Saskatoon community as president of the Saskatoon section of National Council of Jewish Women, chairman of the board of Saskatoon Region Community College, director of the oral history project on Jews in Saskatchewan, and as a founder of Multi-Faith Saskatoon.

Rosenfeld, Silberman said, "honors the criteria for the award."

He has just completed three years as chairman of the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry; during his term with NBC, he was also a vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations of North America. He has served as president of Toronto Jewish Congress (now Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services at both the Quebec and national level.

Presently an officer of Canadian Jewish Congress and a director of United Israel Appeal of Canada, Rosenfeld has also been an officer and board member of the Canada-Israel Committee and Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal.

Both Rose and Rosenfeld have served "not out of obligation but out of love for their community," Silberman concluded.

Filer, currently an officer of CJC Ontario region, has held numerous Congress positions, including regional chairman and chairman of the national executive.

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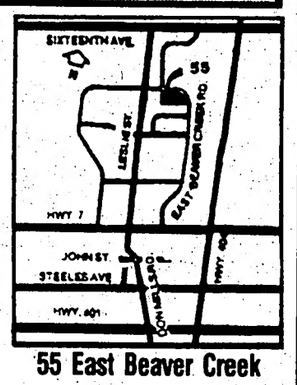

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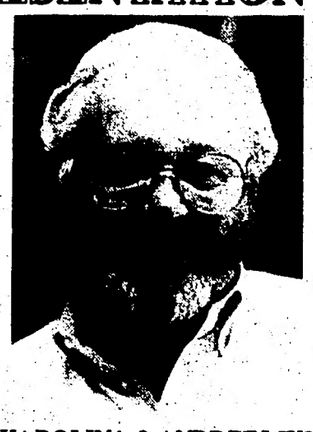

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World

Reform calls for an end to b'nai mitzvot parties

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Reform movement has called for the end of bar and bat mitzvah celebrations that have become occasions for "idolatry and relentless commercial colonization of our sacred events."

The movement is urging its members to adopt a new pattern of observance emphasizing "family cohesion, authentic friendship, acts of tzedakah (charity) and parties suitable for children."

The resolution, adopted unanimously by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' board of trustees at its semi-annual meeting in Minneapolis, deplored "social pressures, excesses of wasteful consumption, expression of wealth and status and glitzy 'theme' events."

The resolution, submitted by the Chicago federation of the UAHC and drafted by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein of Glencoe, Ill., noted that "the bar mitzvah party has become a source of both perplexity and even mockery in the non-Jewish community."

Melvin Merians, chairman of the UAHC board of trustees, said that the party themes piggybacked onto the religious celebrations have reached a point of absurdity.

He pointed to the "ridiculous" trend of hiring entertainers to dress as rock stars, baseball players or fantasy characters, who then conduct all sorts of games with the kids; orchestras and bands that blast loud music dominating the event; and the overall creation of an environment "that really has nothing to do with the (religious) moment."

There is already a "theme" for bar and bat mitzvahs, said Merians — coming of age as a Jew — and it is a religious theme.

"The kids are not being taught the lessons that they should be taught," Merians said. "By example we are showing them the wrong thing."

The UAHC will launch a series of "consciousness-raising" programs, as well as publish a guide to religious celebrations that will be distributed to each of 856 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada affiliated with the UAHC.

Merians said when bar or bat mitzvah training and planning begins, the local rabbi should try to influence the family to celebrate in a modest, religious fashion according to the new guidelines.

"People should not drive themselves into debt just to keep up with their neighbors," Merians said.

In another Jewish movement the Conservative's United Synagogue of America has stated in its *Standards for Synagogue Practice* that "in keeping with the religious significance of the bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah ceremonies, the kiddush after the services and all social events connected with the occasion shall be modest, dignified and decorous."

Kahane barred from election

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This leaves — pending the court's final word — 25 Knesset lists approved to contest the election, of which 15 are pre-existent and 10 new, among them the immigrants' party, Da.

One member on Da's list, Michael Kalvo, has appealed to the high court against his personal disqualification on grounds that he holds dual citizenship — Israeli and French. Kalvo argues that he formally applied to the French authorities to revoke his citizenship, which is all that Israeli law requires.

Meanwhile, the elections committee rejected a move by the National Religious Party against Labor's decision to change its official name from Labor to "Labor under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin," which is the name that will appear on the ballot papers.

The committee held that Labor has the right to add these words.

In light of this ruling, Yahadut HaTorah, the unified Agudat Yisrael-Degel HaTorah list, announced that its official name would henceforth be "Yahadut HaTorah-Agudat Yisrael, Degel HaTorah and Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz."

Peretz, the absorption minister, is running in the second slot on that list.

U.S. to sell Saudis arms, military support

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Only days after it hosted an international arms control conference here, the Bush administration notified Congress that it plans to sell Saudi Arabia $1.88 billion in arms and military support.

The Pentagon claims the proposed military package, which includes helicopters, missiles, rockets and small vehicles, is essentially defensive and would serve U.S. national security by shoring up an ally.

But the proposed sale appears to confirm the assessment by some analysts that the U.S. government is not serious about curbing arms to the region and is conducting business as usual. Some say that while this particular package may not be objectionable, they are concerned about the cumulative impact.

The administration has delayed responding to the Saudis' request for 72 advanced F-15 jets, after being warned by members of Congress it would face stiff opposition.

Congress has 30 days to block the current sale; otherwise it will go through automatically.

The administration's announcement came just a few days after the world's five largest arms exporters to the Middle East convened here to discuss limiting arms sales to the region.

By all accounts, they made little progress.

Many arms experts blame U.S. officials for not assigning the talks a higher foreign policy priority. Some argue the talks represent a squandered opportunity to foster stability in the volatile region and thereby strengthen the ongoing Arab-Israeli peace talks.

The talks involved officials from the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China, which account for as much as 90 percent of the arms exports to the Middle East. They met May 28-29 at the State Department to try to hone an agreement to control the export of conventional weapons.

The proposal was initiated by President George Bush a year ago in the wake of the allied victory in the Persian Gulf.

But beyond the refinement of details on an already-agreed-to proposal to ban the transfer of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and technology, little new was accomplished.

Most significantly, China balked at a proposal requiring advance notification on weapons sales, the underpinning of the initiative.

Analysts say they are not optimistic there will be any breakthroughs soon. Some said the talks are a meaningless exercise because they are not aimed at a reduction in arms. And they placed the blame with U.S. administration officials, who they say are paying only lip service to the problem.

The United States is the leader in arms sales to the region. Since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the United States has sold more than $15 billion in weapons to Middle Eastern nations, according to Lee Feinstein, assistant director of research at the Arms Control Association.

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The News in Brief

France approves loan

JERUSALEM — France will approve the use of $500 million in loan guarantees to Israel, originally earmarked for the construction of housing for immigrants, for investment in infrastructure instead.

Had the French government not approved this change, the guarantees would have been lost, since Israel never made use of them.

"This is an example of the principle that aid for humanitarian purposes should not be mixed with political goals," Industry and Trade Minister Moshe Nissim said in response to the news, in a pointed jab at U.S. President Bush's position on guarantees.

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Sierra Leone ties

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister David Levy and his counterpart from Sierra Leone, Dr. Ahmed Ramadan Dumbuya, have signed documents renewing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Sierra Leone severed ties with Israel after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Israel now has diplomatic relations with 16 African states, 13 of which re-established them during the last few years.

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Patient shoots doctor

TEL AVIV — A man who became a woman through a sex-change operation five years ago tried unsuccessfully to murder the surgeon she claims botched the job.

The former patient shot and wounded the doctor as he was leaving his private clinic.

According to Israel Radio, the transsexual sued Dr. Aharon Moskone for malpractice about five years ago, alleging that his faulty reconstruction of her genitals deprived her of the ability to reach orgasm, but the lawsuit was unsuccessful.

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Soldiers die from heat

TEL AVIV — The Israel Defence Force high command has ordered an investigation into the deaths of two soldiers taking part in a map-reading exercise under conditions of extreme heat in the southern Negev.

The cause of death appeared to have been heat stroke and dehydration. The men were exposed to temperatures of 108 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade and only five percent humidity. Under such conditions, the training exercise should have been called off, the meteorological service said.

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Italian leader welcomed

ROME — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has sent a warm message of congratulations to Oscar Luigi Scalfaro on his election as Italy's new president.

Israel is, indeed, pleased. A source at the Israeli Embassy here pointed out that Scalfaro, a veteran Christian Democrat, was the first president of the friendship association eastablished between the Israeli and Italian parliaments last year right after the Persian Gulf War.

As president of the association, Scalfaro visited Israel in January and met Shamir.

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Labor Party condom

JERUSALEM — Labor's election campaign literally descended below the belt, as young party activists began distributing hundreds of condoms bearing the printed slogans "Watch Out for the Little Guy" and "Youngsters, Get To Work [Labor]."

Likud campaing sources were taken aback by the condom campaign, saying it was beneath them to comment. Privately, the sources added that Labor need not worry, because "We will not respond by distributing vibrators or inflatable sex dolls."

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Jobless rate climbs

JERUSALEM — The unemployment rate hit a new height of 11.5 percent in the first quarter of the year, up from 11 percent in the previous quarter and 10 percent in the same period last year.

However, Bank of Israel economists believe that a turning point in the upward trend is near. The reduced levels of immigration, combined with an economic upswing, should cause a decline in the unemployment rate later this year, they predict.

Surprisingly, the unemployment rate among women decreased in the first quarter of the year, to 13.9 percent from 14.1 percent in the October-December period. This is still higher than the 12.6 percent recorded in the first quarter of 1991, however,

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Jewish boxer wins

PARIS — Though not quite in the best of condition due to lapses in training, French-Jewish boxer Fabrice Benichou retained his European Featherweight championship in a match against British challenger John Davison.

Benichou, 27, was awarded the match on points, to the applause of 3,000 fans.

Sources in the boxing world said the featherweight king would put his title on the line next in a match against World Boxing Council champion Paul Hodkinson of Britain, probably before the end of the year.

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Heroin seized

GALILEE — Drug squad detectives have seized more than seven kilograms of heroin (approximately 15 pounds) — worth millions of shekels on the streets — in the past month in undercover operations in northern Israel.

The latest seizure took place when officers of the Galilee district's Lebanese border unit arrested two men near the border fence in the Metulla area.

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Hashish used for pain

JERUSALEM — Evidence of the use of hashish to ease the pain of a 14-year-old girl in labor in the 4th century C.E. has been found in an excavation in Beit Shemesh. Anthropologist Joe Zias, of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said the use of narcotics for medicinal purposes is known from historical sources, but that this was the first time it has been supported by archeological evidence.

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Drug use on rise

JERUSALEM — Drugs worth more than $400 million are bought and sold here each year, with police seizing only about 25 percent of the drugs reaching the country, according to Roni Ben-Shlomo, assistant director of the Haifa drug addiction treatment centre.

There are about 40,000 addicts in the country and some 200,000 users, he said, with an increase in the number of young people who have become addicts, mainly because of emotional problems.

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High marks for Israel

JERUSALEM — Israel's Environment Ministry presented several awards of distinction to mark National Environment Week, which began last Monday.

The week started off on a positive note, as *Newsweek* magazine named Israel as the country with the highest environmental standards among 30 examined.

Some conservationalists, however, have expressed concern over what they see as the country's poor record in environmental cleanliness and sewage disposal. Litter left by day trippers and picnickers is increasing.

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PLO wins vote

JERUSALEM — Bethlehem University Student Union held its first elections since the intifada began, and in a straight contest between PLO and Hamas supporters, the PLO list won nearly 85 percent of the votes and all the student club and administration posts being contested.

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Summer camp record

JERUSALEM — Some 6,500 youth from abroad will participate in Israel summer games organized by the Jewish Agency's Youth division this year. This is a record number since the intifada began in 1987 and double the number last year, an agency spokesman said.

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Luitjens case delayed

VANCOUVER — The deportation inquiry in the case of Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens has been delayed until June 17, when adjudicator Daphne Shaw will decide whether to grant a defence request that the case be adjourned pending an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The defence request for an adjournment until the High Court hears an appeal over Luitjens's loss of citizenship was opposed by Justice Department lawyers. Shaw told both sides to be prepared to proceed with the inquiry on June 17, if she rules against adjournment.

She also said she would rule at that time whether Luitjens, reported to be in poor health with heart problems, must be present during the hearing.

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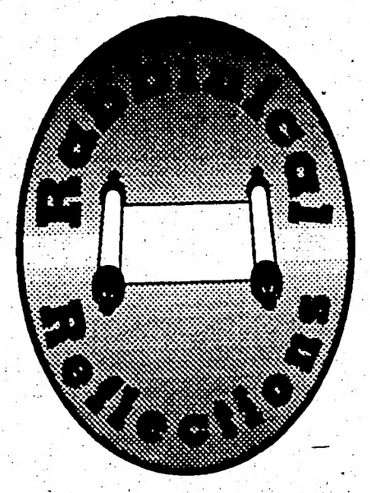

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The famous question posed on this week's sidrah is, "Since there are no extra words in the Torah, why did the Torah repeat the exact same contribution of each of the twelve Princes?" One answer teaches us that every person is an individual, and each puts into a physical contribution his own heart, soul, thoughts and sentiments, thus making it unique and singular. We also read in this sidrah of the priestly blessings of the Cohanim.

This got me thinking about identities and of a problem that plagues klal Yisrael, the "identity crisis." Do we know who is a Cohen, Levi, and Yisrael? Do we conveniently label ourselves Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, without consciously knowledgeable what path we want to follow? Do we even know what being Jewish and non-Jewish means?

Three of my favorite stories in this respect are the following.

1. The wise man of Chelm was faced with a dilemma. He had never been in a public bath house. Without the distinction of clothes, how was he to tell who he was? He had no birthmarks, no warts; he looked like everyone else. What was he to do?

Suddenly an idea struck him. He tied a scarlet thread around his toe. "*This* will be my identifying mark," he said, confidently entering the shower. But somehow the thread got loose and by chance became wrapped around the toe of the fellow showering next to him.

The Chelmer stared down at his toe and saw no thread. Startled, he noticed the thread wound around the toe of the man showering next to him. He politely tapped him on the shoulder and said, "Pardon me, sir. I know who *you* are, but would you mind telling me who *I* am?"

2. The little old Jewish lady who signed up for the course in Far East religions never opened her mouth during the term. She sat quietly at the back, knitting away, seemingly oblivious to the lectures and discussions. Her presence was odd; no one really seemed to know why she was there. When the time came for the students to book their tickets for the trip to India to see the famous guru, she was the first to register and pay. This only added to the puzzlement of the professor and the class. Why would she be so interested in seeing the guru?

The trip was uneventful, but it was obvious to all that the old lady was ecstatic. At long last they ascended the mountain, making their way to the guru's headquarters. Upon arrival, an important announcement was made. Those who wished to speak to the revered guru at length should line up on the left. Those who would speak no more than five words should line up on the right.

The old lady was the only one in the right line. Needing only a few moments, she was allowed the first audience. She displayed no nervousness, just impatience to see the great man. The aides were curious. What five words would be said by the odd lady who had travelled all the way from America just to see the guru?

As soon as the guru's eyes met hers, he almost fainted. In keeping with her pledge she only said, in an irritated Jewish mother's voice, "*Nu, Yankele, kim shoin aheim!*" — "Yankele, come home right now!"

3. A man approached the rabbi in shul and said insistently, "Rabbi, I don't care how you swing it, and I don't care how much it will cost me, I want to have the Kohen aliyah next Shabbos."

The Rabbi was kind of startled by the request, and was sort of flustered. No one had ever made that strange request before; no non-Cohen had ever tempted him with money for the Kohen aliyah.

"I simply can't do it," said the rabbi. "My conscience would bother me. It's just not done." But the man persisted, and offered $50,000 cash towards the new Hebrew school building. That was nothing to snuff at, thought the rabbi, maybe he could think of something.

"Let me think it over," said the rabbi. I'll get back to you and see if we can arrange something." And it was arranged. Next Shabbos after the man had been given the Kohen aliyah, he went up to thank the rabbi for his co-operation.

"Tell me," said the rabbi. "I'm really curious. Why was it so important for you to have the Kohen aliyah? After all $50,000 is a lot of money."

"Listen Rabbi," the man responded, "my *father* got the Kohen aliyah, my *grandfather* got the Kohen aliyah, and my *great grandfather* got the Kohen aliyah. Nothing was going to stop *me* from getting that aliyah!"

Many Jews face an identity crisis today. Who are they? What are they? Are they Jewish? A Kohen? A Jew for Jesus? A guru? Defections from klal Yisrael are staggering. Intermarriage without bona fide halachic conversion is decimating our *yichus Yisrael v'avosenu hakedoshim*, our true Jewish lineage and ancestry.

Right after Shavuot, we are still hopefully connected to the one source that can give us back or strengthen our Jewish identity. There *is* only one source, no other — the Torah. Let us study it, embrace its teachings, and identify with it. To the degree that one does so, to that degree he or she is a vibrant Jew. Klal Yisrael needs you! Join the ranks of Torah-observing Jews — today!

Rabbi Aaron Levine is an educator, writer and lecturer in Toronto.

Rabbi agrees to shopping centre

HAMBURG —

In the continuing controversy surrounding construction of a shopping centre on the site of a former Jewish cemetery dating from the 17th century, Chief Rabbi Itzhak Kolitz of Jerusalem, who traveled to Hamburg to inspect the site recently, announced that he would agree to the building, albeit "with a heavy heart."

Two of the parties involved in the controversy, Orthodox Jews from Europe and North America, who have been protesting and blocking the entrance to the site, and the Jewish community of Hamburg, which sold the site to builders in the early 1950s, had pledged to heed rabbi Kolitz's words.

Although agreeing to the construction, Rabbi Kolitz stipulated that the bones in the earth of the construction site may not be removed to another cemetery. According to Jewish religious law, the dignity of the dead must be protected, he said.

If the construction firm agrees to this stipulation, it means that it may not dig at the site; the former cemetery covers a large part, but not all, of the building site.

The cemetery was in use until 1934; it was destroyed by the Nazis and air raid bunkers were built upon it. After the Jewish community sold it in the early 1950s, a department store was built there.

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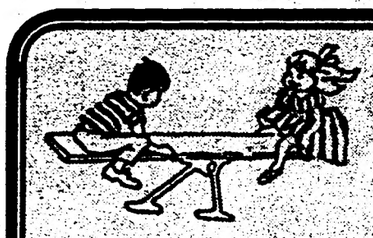

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Front Line

Spark of Judaism lives in Spanish community

By ARNOLD AGES

Do any of your gentile neighbors light candles on Friday evening or wear special clothes on Saturday or conspicuously refrain from eating pork products.

They may be Seventh Day Adventists, vegetarians or candle devotees, or — they may be the descendants of Jews who converted to Christianity in Spain more than 500 years ago.

Large-scale, forced conversion of Jews began in the Iberian peninsula long before Queen Isabella signed the expulsion order in 1492. Many of these new Christians blended into the majority Catholic population and disappeared from Jewish life.

Others, however, went from humble Jewish origins to distinguished Christian vocations. Elaine DeRosa notes that one such convert, Luis Santangel, was so successful that he became one of the financiers of Columbus' voyages.

A rabbi from Burgos, Solomon Ha Levy, became the bishop of Catagena, then of Burgos and lastly of papal legate. It has also been pointed out that Ferdinand of Aragon's mother came from a family of Jewish converts to Christianity. Some have advanced the supposition that Tomas de Torquemada, the first head of the Spanish Inquistion, was of Jewish origin, although the Encyclopedia Judaica does not contain this assertion.

One of the functions of the Inquisitional courts was to identify and punish (some times by death) Jewish converts who were suspected of retaining, in however an attenuated form, a link to their Jewish past. The Inquisitional archives contain many a testimony from maids and servants who informed on their employers.

Arnold Ages

Their reports referred to strange practices observed in the houses of those employers — the use of special clothes, utensils and crockery on Saturdays, the lighting of candles on Fridays and the consumption on Saturday of bizarre foods.

When travel to the new world opened up after 1492 a number of convert families fled to the Spanish colonies in the hope that they could escape the Inquisition. The zeal of the Insuisitors was such, however, that their reach extended into the new Spanish dominions and there tribunals were empowered to track down inauthentic Christians (read Jewish converts) and extradite them back to Spain for trial and punishment.

DeRosa indicates that this kind of Draconian approach forced most of the converts into a strict acceptance of Christianity. Those converts who did not heed the warnings of the Inquisition were executed.

A small group of converts who made their way to Mexico fled the Inquisitorial courts and after traversing deserts and hostile Indian territory, found refuge in what is today the American state of New Mexico. There for several hundred years these nominally Catholic people practised unusual rites which are now attracting the scrutiny of historians, Hispanists and anthropologists.

Among those rites are gravestone inscriptions in Hebrew, some simple Hebrew prayers, circumcision, baking unleavened bread, kosher-type slaughter, shiva and, a kind of sabbath observance. Today there are about 1,500 families in New Mexico who have some cognizance of their Jewish heritage.

One professor, Dr. Stanley Hordes of the University of New Mexico's Latin American Institute, makes the interesting point that these migrating converted Jews may constitute the first Jewish settlement in North America, ante-dating by more than 100 years the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish communities in New Amsterdam. Others, of course, dispute the use of the word Jewish in this context.

The "crypto-Jews" of New Mexico, as they have been called, represent a painful legacy of that period when the Spanish Inquisition in an act of immorality beyond evil concerted its efforts with the Spanish monarchy, first to force Jews to convert and second, to expel them forever from Spain.

One can only feel commiseration for those branches from the mighty tree trunk that was Spanish Judaism before the expulsion. Happily, some are trying to re-establish ties with Judaism.

Rabbi Isaac Celnik of B'nai Israel Congregation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, describes how small groups of these people come to his synagogue, looking for guidance. Naturally, those who have newly discovered their Jewish roots, experience culture shock as the realization of their origins impacts on their minds.

Rabbi Celnik notes that these secret Jews are plagued by an identity crisis of great magnitude. Some want to return to Judaism completely, some wish to combine their Catholicism with Judaism and a third group is totally opposed to any reconciliation with Judaism and is angered by friends and relatives who wish to associate with Jews.

Much sensitivity and tolerance from the Jewish community is needed in responding to the travail being experienced by these descendants of converts.

The anniversary of the expulsion is a propitous moment to display open arms to those who wish to be re-united with the House of Israel. What is especially poignant is that after 500 years the Jewish spark in their souls could not be extinguished.

Peace possible only when democracy hits Mideast

By THOMAS O. HECHT

Today Israel stands at a crossroads. Many of its historic dreams are coming true: large waves of immigration from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, followed by a great settlement drive and tremendous economic and cultural development, hold the potential for unprecedented hopes and aspirations for the Jewish state and people.

But side by side with this magnificent future, Israel must deal with the continued threat to its existence from the Arab world.

Notwithstanding the peace process, this threat not only has not diminished, but it has taken on a new dimension because of the relentless Arab effort to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

Despite this unforgiving Arab hostility, Israel has always endeavored and continues to strive to fulfil its desire for peace. But it must be true peace, a peace Israel can live with — in the full meaning and understanding of the word and its concept.

Israel has always considered itself as a part of the democratic Western world. Therefore, it is obvious that in its search for a model for a political settlement in the region, Israel seeks to implement those principles that have guided the Western democracies concerning peace and its qualitative essence.

In the West, true peace means mutual trust and is expressed by close relations including tourism, trade, and large-scale multilateral and bilateral co-operation.

Yet real trust is possible only when democracy exists. Peace with a non-democratic country always will be tinged by a measure of suspicion and doubt; non-democratic countries are led by small groups whose intentions and acts are uncontrolled and unaccountable.

Democratization and disarmament go hand-in-hand, and today the United States and Russia compete to see who will discard more arms sooner rather than later.

The American continent and many countries in Asia and Africa are removing dictatorial regimes and embarking on the road to democracy.

Yet, there is an exception: the Middle East. Only in this region do despotic rulers remain and flourish. Israel is the only country in the world still surrounded by autocratic and hostile regimes.

The attitudes and policies of the Western democracies are a significant cause for this condition. The Arab governments always benefited from exceptional understanding in being able to disregard the implementation of democratic processes which were to be a part of U.S. President George Bush's new world order.

Rulers of Arab countries are not pressured by the West with demands for democratic change and respect for human rights. It is my conviction that no Arab democracy exists or will ever exist unless a symmetry in such demands is made.

It is worth noting that even if the conflict with Israel is disregarded, there is hardly an Arab country in the last decade has not been at war with its neighbors — the invasion of Kuwait is just the last example. Arab rulers do not hesitate to take the most bloodthirsty measures towards their own subjects: witness the 1982 massacre of 20,000 Syrian civilians in Hamas, or the gassing of Kurds by the Iraqis or of Yemenis by Nasser in the 1950s.

The gravest danger today is posed by a development likely to have far-reaching consequences, even beyond the borders of this region, namely the concerted effort of several Islamic governments to obtain weapons of mass destruction. Libya, Syria, Algeria, Iraq and Iran are not content with their conventional arsenals, which closely equal those of the former Warsaw Pact, but are continuing to acquire chemical and biological weapons and missiles. Moreover, each of those countries is at some stage in an attempt to build nuclear armaments.

It is against this background that Israel must survive, preserve its security and enable its citizens to lead normal lives. Should the United States and the other Western countries not side with democratic Israel in the peace talks, they at least should not condemn Israel for not taking risks which they would never take themselves in matters of security or survival.

Genuine peace agreements will be possible in the Middle East when Arab dictatorships begin to be replaced by a demand for democratic change. Until then, we should attempt progress with reciprocal comfort-giving signals, in accordance with the agenda of the Moscow multilateral conference, in the areas of regional economic well-being, environmental concerns and water supply. But, most important, there must be security arrangements to drastically and urgently stop the arms race, which threatens not only the very existence of Israel, but also the future of the Western world and the human race.

Dr. Thomas O. Hecht is the chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region.

Dyslexia may affect course of a person's life

By JOANNE RYSHPAN

"You're just being lazy!" "You're stupid!" "Did you cheat on your IQ tests?" "Why can't you pass your math quiz?"

These are some of the comments I used to hear when I was younger. Two and a half years ago, I joined the ranks of the learning disabled when my mother and I attended a seminar on the topic and it finally dawned on her that I had a learning disability.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of "me's" out there. According to statistics, 10 percent of all Canadians have some sort of learning disability.

Doctors have identified two distinct types of dyslexia, the most common term to describe "all" learning disabilities.

ADHD or Attentional Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder — this, very plainly put, means that a person cannot keep his or her attention on any one thing for any length of time and will physically move about.

ADD or Attentional Deficit Disorder, means the person is not exhibiting any physical behavior, but the mind is constantly wandering.

A lot of people are under the misconception that dyslexia is strictly a reading disorder. The truth is, it's not only how we interpret the words we read, but how we see the world. Dyslexics speak a different language.

The professionals have broken down learning disabilities into five categories: visual, auditory, motor organizational and conceptual. As I take you through these categories, I will explain how people have reacted to me.

Visual — People always say when I tell them I'm dyslexic: "So . . . you see things backwards!" "And my response is always, "No . . . I do not see things backwards, just differently."

People with learning disabilities see things differently. Because there are so many variables, I will simply explain that we receive a scrambled message to our brains, then the brain completely blocks out the information unless we are taught to interpret the information differently. Only then will we see something similar to what a non-learning disabled would see.

It's like negotiating a deal with your brain so that it thinks the way you want it to.

Auditory — The person who is not learning disabled can zero in on what he or she wants to listen to, or not listen to, at ease or at random. I've often, through the years, heard things like this: "Joanne, can you repeat the question I just asked you?"

The ability to focus in on things that the brain hears in a scrambled manner can manifest itself in many ways.

The learning disabled have to tell themselves to focus in on a subject. It does not happen automatically.

Motor — This has always been a sore spot for me . . . I bump into things like walls and drop or knock over things on a regular basis. As a kid, the ballet class would be moving in one direction and I would be dancing in the other.

A non-learning disabled person should be able to pat their head and rub their tummy at the same time and get that basketball into their own team's basket and not the opposing team's.

A learning disabled person must learn to focus on the physical action they are trying to accomplish and blank out any interference from other parts of their brain as well as any external interferences. Concentration, although sometimes mentally painful, can help.

Organizational — Well, I don't have to tell you that organizational habits are something we all have to learn from time to time.

But I had always heard statements like this: "Your room is a mess," or "Joanne, your desk is a mess, why don't you organize it properly?" And finally, "Make yourself a list!"

The plain fact of the matter is that I couldn't remember to make that list, so I thought my desk was organized.

Now I have a great system. I write things down in more than one place so that one list reminds me to check another.

This can get pretty messy-looking!

The brain is a thought organizer on its own, people who are not learning disabled can organize their thoughts so that everyone can understand. A person who is learning disabled must first organize so that they may understand, then organize for everyone else.

Conceptual — "I can't believe you said that!" "Boy, do you have guts!"

Many people with a learning disability are very bossy, they may say something for shock value or even giggle hysterically in a sensitive situation.

A person without a learning disability thinks about the consequences before they act. But an individual with a learning disability might say something that would potentially hurt themselves or someone else. For example, when a person cannot concentrate on a conversation they might respond with an angry outburst. As a result, the learning disabled person will not be able to remember what they have just said. And perhaps, under more serious circumstances, they might make a statement or a joke that would seriously hurt their credibility.

My dyslexia has caused low self-esteem and a fear of success. This has caused some serious ramifications in the way I've dealt with my life decisions. Dyslexia has not only affected the decisions I've made in my life, but also how I have chosen my friends, and my career choices . . . my goals.

It's been said that many of our criminals who are now institutionalized might not have been, had someone recognized their disability.

I am not saying that the murderer would not have murdered, if his or her learning disability had been detected.

I am saying that I believe there are a lot of frustrated adults out there who, in cases like myself, have been compensating for many years and aren't even aware of it.

If any of these statements in this article sound familiar to you or you think you know someone who behaves in this way, please contact your local learning disability association for more information.

I leave you with this final thought . . . Dyslexia as a second language ... Think about it.

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PLO's real record

Since 1964, when it began its reign of terror, the Palestine Liberation Organization has been involved directly or tangentially in the wanton murder of hundreds of Jews, in Israel and abroad. That activity has been widely known, though not universally condemned.

What has not been exposed over the years, however, is the PLO's campaign of extortion, blackmailing and murder which has been carried out against its enemies in the Arab world. The assassination of the Jordanian minister Wafsi el Tel in Cairo in 1970 was one brutal example of the way in which the PLO expressed its unhappiness with fellow Arabs.

The PLO's use of terror against other Arabs was also seen during the epoch when PLO cadres swaggered through Lebanon in the late 1970s in their state-within-a-state enclave. There is no doubt that the Lebanese civil war which seared the country for more than a decade was due, in part, to the aggressive posture of the PLO towards its Arab cousins.

But times have changed. The PLO, an essentially secular movement led from outside the West Bank and Gaza, is now competing with Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist movement whose power base is within the territories. The rivalry between the two groups has led to bloody reprisals, and the formation of armed terror cells affiliated with Hamas and various factions of the PLO. According to Israeli army estimates, more than 760 Palestinians have been killed by other Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza since the beginning of the intifada in December 1987.

It would now appear that the Palestinian leadership has decided that enough is enough. Abbas Zaki, the PLO's man in Amman, Jordan, has reportedly been trying to persuade Palestinians in the territories to adopt a code of honor "that would bind them to resolve disputes peacefully and end random acts of violence against Palestinians accused of being Israeli informants or committing moral crimes." (He may be no more successful than his chief, Yasser Arafat, who, concerned that the internecine violence was harming the image of the intifada, sent out a similar message in 1989. One activist in Nablus pinned Arafat's written order to the wall and used it for target practice.)

Any renunciation of violence by a terrorist organization would appear, on the surface, to be welcome. But in the light of the past week's attack on Eilat — Jordan-based and Hamas-inspired — this particular PLO initiative gives no cause for rejoicing. Should the truce be accepted by its rivals, it will clearly be for the purpose of freeing up Palestinian guns and axes to attack Israeli soldiers and Jewish civilians.

What is really needed is an end to "random acts of violence" directed not only against other Palestinians but against the State of Israel. The effect on the peace process would be dramatic; and both Palestinians and Israeli Jews would no longer live under the shadow of terror.

De-demonizing Iran

For the past several weeks the western news media have been acting as congenial public relations agents for Iran. Stories in American and Canadian newspapers have been playing up evidence of enlightened political progress in the Teheran regime.

Some of the evidence appears convincing. Since the 1979 revolution which deposed the Shah, Iran has suffered under the neo-barbarism of a government whose political and religious fanaticism, xenophobia and paranoia have cost the lives of thousands of its own citizens and disfigured the reputation of at least one branch of Islam.

Under the current leadership of Rafsanjani, however, Iran has made some modest steps towards liberalizing the regime's internal and external profile. Observers point to the fact that Iran intervened to secure the release of foreign hostages held in Beirut and is now actively seeking western investment capital. Diplomatic relations have been re-established with Canada and Iranians are predicting a rapprochement with the United States.

Iran is still light years away from the western democratic ideal but the changes perceived in the new Iran are to be welcomed.

Those changes represent only a step, however, towards the civilized norms expected from mature societies. Iran's refusal to lift the fatwa (death sentence) against Salman Rushdie, her maniacal rush (comparable only to Iraq under Saddam Hussein) to acquire atomic weaponry, her active support of international terrorism, her financing of Hezbollah mischief in Lebanon and her strident anti-Israel rehetoric all show that Teheran has a considerable distance to travel before it returns to national sanity and international acceptance.

The good changes in Iran should be applauded and encouraged by the democracies, especially Canada — who also have the obligation to chastise Iran for the impermissible breaches of political morality described above.

TOO MUCH TO TAKE

Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz holds two of the Ethiopian children born during Operation Solomon. One child found the whole party just too much to take. (IPPA photo)

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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WANNSEE VILLA

Regarding the article by Ron Csillag, May 14, Time Stands Still At Wannsee Villa.

Please note that "the villa" was built by a German-Jewish industrialist, Herman Tietz, founder of the Tietz, later Hertie Department store chain, today called Der Westdeutsche Kauf Hof, the West German Department store.

After his immigration to the United States the villa was confiscated by the state.

Robert Engel
Chairman
Holocaust Rememberance Committee
Toronto

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MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Now, especially, when Israel has been seeking $10 billion in loan guarantees from the United States, and when it is widely believed that after the Cold War Israel is no longer a strategic asset in the Middle East for the United States, one should mention that this tiny and beleaguered country is a centre of astonishing intellectual achievement.

The Philadelphia-based Institute for Scientific Information published pertinent statistics in the issues of Nov. 26, 1990, and July 8, 1991, respectively, of its periodical, *Current Contents*. In the list of 1988 life-sciences articles most cited in 1988 and 1989 journals, authors from Israeli institutions ranked tenth in the world. For the 1986 chemistry articles most cited from 1986 to 1988, authors from Israel ranked fourth, ahead of large and peaceful countries like Canada and France. Scientists from Israel were partners with those from the United States and other nations in many of the papers.

Indeed, this March, the institute, noting the impact of their research, ranked 10 American university chemistry departments at the top in the world, followed by the department at Tel Aviv University.

Moreover, which other country can match Israel in its proportion of world-renowned cellists, pianists and violinists such as Daniel Barenboim, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, and Ofra Harnoy now living in Toronto? This is music to our ears.

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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RESENTS CJC SLOGAN

Our Jewish community here in Canada was treated to a demonstration by some of its leadership which proved that influence is dictated by vested interests of the day.

At the recent Plenary Assembly held by the CJC, there existed a slogan of Let Your Voice Be Heard, which was voluminously plastered over much-mailed plenary literature. Those words became a mockery when, at the plenary, what was "heard" turned out to be an orchestrated crowd of 99 invited guest speakers, and others, which dictated warnings to rank and file members to be very brief or else to risk being cut-off, which did occur.

A reminder must be noted here that, while posturing, along with stifling, is taking place at plenary, voices bearing terribly serious problems in a Jewish community are not being extended freedom of expression.

Perhaps all of this is a page being taken out of Ottawa's present parliament procedure by CJC mandarins.

Of course, as experience has shown, reminders such as the one being voiced here, are constantly disregarded, be aware that, in the opinion of this Jewish Canadian, Parliament of Canadian Jewry is an adopted misnomer by CJC, which he resents, bitterly.

Reuven Carin
Montreal

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MOVED TO TEARS

It was a greast occurence recently to hear a choir in the Adath Israel Synagogue. It was not just any choir. It was the Anne Frank Gymnasium Choir's 18 young members and three escorts from Budapest, Hungary.

In Hungary, after the Holocaust, many parents whose faith was shaken were not eager to send their children to religious school. The change came in the late '80s when Jewish identity was reborn, especially among the youth.

The members of the choir paid their own transportation from Hungary to Canada but everything else was financed by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, mostly from the donations of the Hungarian Jewish community.

It was a pleasure and also a moving experience to hear the choir perform in Jewish and Hebrew. Some of the songs were beautifully interpreted on piano by the conductor, Ervin Klein.

At the end, the audiences gave a standing ovation and people from the audience danced the hora with the youngsters. The second performance was in the New Horizon Hungarian Jewish senior club, where many people were openly crying to see and hear the young Hungarians' presentation, which only two years ago was not possible.

Ibolya Grossman
Toronto

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THANKS FROM YAD VASHEM

Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah was celebrated by many synagogues and organizations in the Jewish community. The idea of commemorating the Shoah is now becoming established as a synagogue/organization function on an annual basis.

More important than a single commemoration event is a Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah event where every group partakes in the importance of commemoration.

We, members of the Canadian Society For Yad Vashem, applaud all the organizations and synagogues and schools that commemorate Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah. Next year we invite everyone to participate with us at a wreath-laying ceremony service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial at Earl Bales Park.

Dr. Joel Dimitry
Chairman
Canadian Society for Yad Vashem
Toronto

Opinion

More Pirkei Avot for summer reading

By J. B. SALSBERG

How time flies! It is already (when this is written) erev Shevuot, that wonderful time of year when Jews used to decorate their homes and their places of worship with green tree-branches celebrating the "granting of the Torah" and the arrival of summer.

Our own humble contribution to those great events consists of clearing the decks of this encumbered columnist and making space for some pearls of wisdom from our ancient Pirkei Avot as well as from the relatively recent sources of chassidic and non-chassidic wells of wisdom.

Mostly taken from Martin Buber's *Tales of the Hasidim.*

So, please take a seat in our coach and let's roam.

In the course of their long wanderings, the two brothers, Rabbi Zusya and Rabbi Elimelekh, often came to the city of Ludmir. There they always slept in the house of a poor, devout man. Years later, when their reputation had spread all over the country, they came to Ludmir again, not on foot, as before, but in a carriage. The wealthiest man in that little town, who had never wanted to have anything to do with them, came to meet them the moment he heard they had arrived and begged then to lodge in his house.

But they said: "Nothing has changed in us to make you respect us more than before. What is new is just the horses and the carriage. Take them for your guests, but let us stop with our old host, as usual."

J.B. Salsberg

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak, the famous rabbi of Berditchev, said: "What I see before me is a topsy-turvy world. Once the whole truth was in the alleys and market-places of Israel; there everyone told the truth. But when they came to the House of Prayer, they managed to tell lies. Now it is the other way round. In the streets and in the squares they utter falsehoods, but when they enter the House of Prayer they confess the truth.

For once it was thus in Israel: Truth and faithfulness were the lamps lighting their steps, and when they went to the market-place and into the world of trade, with their souls they proved the words: Your "yes" be true and your "no" be true, and all their trading was done in good faith. But when they came to the House of Prayer they beat their breasts and said: "We have trespassed! We have dealt treacherously! We have robbed!" And all this was a lie because they had kept faith before God and Man. Today the reverse takes place: in trading they lie and cheat; in their prayer they profess the truth."

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak discovered that the girls who knead the dough for the unleavened bread (Matzah) drudged from early morning until late at night. Then he cried aloud to the congregation gathered in the House of Prayer: "Those who hate Israel accuse us of baking the unleavened bread with the blood of Christians. But no, we bake them with the blood of Jews!"

Now to Kotzk, where my much admired "Kotzker Rebbe," Reb Menachem Mendel, pursued his unique form of Chassidism.

Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk said to his disciples: "The souls descended from the realms of Heaven to earth on a ladder. Then it was taken away. Now up there they are calling the souls home. Some do not budge from their spot, for how can one get to Heaven without a ladder? Others leap and fall, and leap again and give up. But there are those who know very well that they cannot make it, but try and try over and over again until God catches hold of them and pulls them up."

Der Kotzker Rebbe, Reb Menachem Mendel, once asked his disciple, Rabbi Yaakov of Radzmir: "Yaakov, to what purpose was man created?" He answered: "So that he might perfect his soul." "Yaakov," said the Tzadik, "is that what we learned from our teacher, Rabbi Bunam? No, indeed! Man was created so that he might lift up the Heavens."

A man came to the Rebbe of Kotzk and told him his troubles. "People call me a bigot," he said. "What kind of an infirmity are they ascribing to me? Why a bigot? Why not a pious man?"

"A bigot," the rabbi answered him, "converts the main issue in piety into a side issue, and a side issue into the main issue."

My patient and beloved readers: I'm late with this column. Almost more than usual . . . For which I seek forgiveness from the editor and I pledge to try and try again to be more prompt. But I desire to end this column with the following favorite of mine.

Rabbi Mendel Kotzker once said: "If I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But, if I am I because you are you, and you are you because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you."

Got it? No? Try again and you will get it . . .

Odds and ends come early this summer

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The basket on my desk named "Odds and Ends" is the recipient of all sorts of clippings and notations which I usually reserve for the summer months. However, since the weather has been so uncertain and spring so hesitant in its arrival (at least in Toronto), I thought that perhaps using the Odds and Ends basket might hurry the arrival of summery conditions.

Quebec. The annual convention of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society followed the Congress Plenary with a public assembly dealing with the provocative subject, The Future of the Jews in Quebec. The three men who comprised the distinguished panel were all Quebec Jews and all of them — Naim Kattan, Professor Harold Waller, and Dr. Jack Jedwab — agreed that indeed there *was* a future for Jews in Quebec, and that in many respects the province was a better habitat for our people than any place else in Canada. They lamented the departure of so many young Jews; they did not deny the presence of anti-Semitism in the province, but they also asserted that Jewish life in Quebec would flourish whatever its political status might be in the future.

Why then do many young Jews leave the province? Said the panelists: They leave because of economic and political uncertainty, and because they want to live in an English-speaking environment — but not because they are Jews and feel threatened as such.

Rabbi Plaut

Foreigners. Over the last 30 years, foreign workers have been a significant part of the German labor force. Now, with reunification having posed unexpected problems, and unemployment high in some parts of the country, xenophobic outbreaks have not been uncommon.

A widely read newspaper, *Die Zeit*, has tried to convince its readers that foreign workers not only do not pose a threat to the German economy, but are in fact essential to it. The article quotes some statistics:

Buses and train service would suffer because they are significantly staffed by imported work forces; so are university hospitals and many other health services which would be rendered inoperative if foreigners would be evicted. Also, without such workers, rubbish collection would come to a standstill, hotel rooms and office buildings would remain uncleaned, and the Dusseldorf municipality estimates that of all the personnel employed in cleaning services, 10,000 were not born in Germany. Said one official: "The city would sink on its own filth."

And here is an interesting aside: Many of these foreigners are of working age and, on the average, younger than Germans. Twelve percent of Germans are between the ages of 60 and 70, compared with three percent of the foreigners. The comparison is even more out of proportion for those people who are over 70. This means that the pension contributions of foreigners goes towards paying for German old age pensions.

Of course, reason and statistics will hardly solve the underlying social and, in Germany, historical problems of long standing. Societies which perceive themselves to be homogeneous will always have a high percentage of xenophobes in their midst. But both Germany and Europe in general are moving to a different mix of populations, and a turn-around in the economic climate will hopefully alleviate this latest controversy, which Germany can ill afford.

Honesty. On a recent errand my wife parked her car and walked to her appointment. While there, she discovered that she did not have her keys in her purse and concluded that she must have either left them in the car or dropped them somewhere in the street. She carefully scanned the sidewalks and found nothing, she came to the car and to her astonishment it was not locked, but open. On the seat was a note which read as follows:

"May 5 at 15:15 o'clock. Hi, I found your keys on the sidewalk. There was only one Chrysler parked, so I tried the key and it fit. So I put the key under your seat and left the car unlocked. Hope you don't mind.

Have a nice day!"

We often think of the big city as a kind of controlled jungle. I have always been of the opinion that most people are good and decent and will do the right thing if given half a chance. Unfortunately, most of us don't want to get involved and pass it by. The unknown writer of the note set a notable example for all of us.

Look, out on the road ... its van mom

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

The arrival of our third child, two years ago, catapulted us into a level of bulk transportation need that no four passenger sedan could handle.

Unfortunately, I had a car I really loved: one of those boxy wonders that makes city people look as if they are about to go trekking in the Rockies. Climbing into my first off-road adventure car was a mental boost. Sure, I was only going to run the carpool, but I was capable of setting out on the cross-Alaska highway, blithely charging off to join the folks on *Northern Exposure.* Every errand was a mental get-a-way to the wilds of the Yukon.

I hadn't really liked a car so much since my very first one, a sleek, dark green, gas guzzler that my grandfather gave me when I graduated from college. I drove that predatory lounge lizard of an automobile until it wore out, and I still notice when similar shark-shapes pass me on the highway.

Everything passes me now.

I have become a van mom: schlepper of field trips, chauffeur to the stars of school plays and dance recitals, driver of excursions and expeditions, able to strap in six children at a single stop. We can seat the whole family and still have room for the tent, sleeping bags, duffels, coolers and hammocks.

My van is not beautiful, but it is the essence of practicality. We live in it. We like it now, and we have even managed to completely fill it up once or twice.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Each of our three children has his or her personal zone inside. Our 5-year-old claims the third seat; she calls it the "back back." She has created a regular campsite there. Her green blanket is wadded in one corner. The arm rest lid conceals the leftover lunch goodies she squirrels away. It's a good thing I found out about this (she still thinks I don't know), because she tucks chips, pretzels, snacks and fruit in there and forgets them. If I wasn't periodically sorting out her horde, the health department would condemn the entire vehicle and we'd all have to walk to grammar school.

She is a pack rat, with coloring books and stray shoes tucked under the seat, two or three dolls sitting beside her, and her kindergarten paintings rolled up between the seat and the wall. She is leading some kind of active fantasy life there, in the back back, that the rest of us can only guess at and admire.

The middle seat belongs to the 2-year-old. He sits, elevated in his car seat, and provides running, monosyllabic commentary on everything we pass. Any small animal provokes shouts of, "Dog, dog, dog," and he greets any larger animal (even a large dog) with shrieks of, "horti, horti, horti," horse or not, it doesn't matter. Trees, houses, other cars, any identifiable entity gets a bellowed label. He is an involved, active passenger.

I only worry when he gets quiet. Silence means danger. Silent, he's either shredding a cracker for the joyful purpose of throwing crumbs all over the carpet or struggling like a mini-Houdini to undo his carseat straps again. I have turned around to spot him practically upside down in the seat, with both arms out of the straps and one leg straight up in the air. It may take a straight jacket to keep him car-seated until he's 5, but I'd hate to give up being a law-abiding citizen at this advanced point in my career.

The front passenger seat belongs to our 9-year-old. Here she perches to practice her homework, Hebrew or English; to announce her plans; and to issue driving instructions in the patient voice one might reserve for speaking to an annoyingly slow-thinking clerk at the auto licence bureau.

"The light is red, mommy," she will say, in a tone that implies I am about to charge through a major intersection doing 90 (in a vehicle that huffs and puffs at 55). "Shouldn't you slow down," she will suggest, dripping patience. I am tempted to demote her to the back, back, but I don't think there's any space left.

She'll just have to learn to withhold comment until she's old enough to drive, at which point I'll revert to my boxy, off-road wonder, and surrender my status as chief cabby to her. I can see her now: the van sister, chauffeur to her siblings and queen of the carpools. One more driver who knows it all.

Features

Israeli radical right vies for power

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yuval Ne'eman (left) greets one of his ardent Tehiya followers, Geula Cohen.

Israeli politics has turned considerably rightward since the Six Day War. This development has benefitted not only the Likud bloc, which is vying for yet another victory at the polls on June 23, but hardcore movements and parties of the radical right.

The radical right consists largely of Gush Emunim — the messianic movement of settlers on the West Bank — and such fringe parties as Yuval Ne'eman's Tehiya, Rafael Eitan's Tzomet and Rehavam Ze'evi's Moledet. (Kach, the late Meir Kahane's one-man party, was in the game until it was banned from running for the Knesset. Kahane Hai, formed by his son, Binyamin, has been disqualified from running in the election.)

It would seem that radical rightists are numerically insignificant. In the 1988 election, voters gave Tzomet and Moledet only two seats each, and Tehiya three. But, as Ehud Sprinzak observes in *The Ascendance of Israel's Radical Right* (Oxford University Press, $41.95), the first book to examine this phenomenon in its entirety, appearances can be deceiving.

The radical right, he writes in this impressive volume, has succeeded in penetrating the Likud and the National Religious Party. Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, a mighty force in Likud, thinks and talks in radical terms, while the National Religious Party's platform reads almost like a Gush Emunim tract.

Sprinzak, a Hebrew University political scientist, claims that about a quarter of the electorate shares the convictions of the radical right. And, he believes, it is especially strong among younger Israelis.

In general, radical rightists would accelerate the pace of settlement activity, annex the territories, display far more belligerence toward the Palestinians (some would even "transfer" Palestinian Arabs to Jordan), exercise less military restraint and exhibit much less concern for the subtleties and niceties of international affairs.

Sprinzak, while rejecting the view that they're fascists, argues that they've been exceedingly influential in pushing the entire Israeli right toward "greater ultranationalism, greater militarism, greater ethnocentrism and greater religiosity."

It's clear that, while he's dubious about their politics, he respects their skills. In the main, their leaders are good communicators, excellent lobbyists and, when necessary, skillful demonstrators and extraparliamentary activists committed to the defence of Greater Israel.

Describing them as "true believers," Sprinzak contends that they're fundamentally paranoic, insofar as they're convinced that there is an active conspiracy to betray the people of Israel and the destiny of Zionism. Their nemeses include Jewish PLO sympathizers, leftists who care more about international opinion than the territorial integrity of their homeland, the late Anwar Sadat (who allegedly lured Israel into a phoney peace) and the United States State Department, which supposedly is trying to push Israel back to its pre-1967 frontiers.

The radical right has a long pedigree, stretching back at least to the British Mandate period, and Sprinzak is particularly adept in delineating its origins.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Zionist Revisionist and the mentor of Menachem Begin, sustained its spirit with his espousal of a Jewish state on *both* sides of the Jordan River and his penchant for militarism. Revisionism — which was widely shunned by labor Zionism — spawned extreme organizations like Brit Habirionim and Lehi.

For about the first 20 years of Israel's existence, the radical right was a marginal factor. Many Israelis, having personally lived through the Holocaust, were averse to chauvinism and preferred moderate solutions to problems. Right-wing extremists continued to exist, but they were not part of the national consensus, nor did they exert power or influence.

Israel's triumphant victory in the Six Day War revived the notion of territorial maximalism and, with it, the principle that Eretz Yisrael should never be divided again. The maximalists coalesced around the Land of Israel Movement. Its first manifesto was signed by, among others, Eri Jabotinsky, Vladimir's son; Israel Eldad, a former Lehi commander; Uri Zvi Greenberg, the poet-laureate of the extreme right; and Reuven Hecht, an old Revisionist who would endow a chair in history at Haifa University.

Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, spiritual head of the Yeshivat Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem, also played a crucial role in the growing respectability of the radical right.

He held that every inch of Eretz Yisrael was vital, not necessarily for political or security reasons, but because God had promised the territories to Abraham 4,000 years ago. Rabbi Kook's followers were instrumental in the formation of Gush Emunim. They pressured the Labor government to resettle Gush Etzion, an area near Jerusalem which had been conquered by Jordan's Arab Legion in the War of Independence.

One of Rabbi Kook's most devoted disciples, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, spearheaded the unauthorized drive to resettle Hebron, from which Jews had been driven in a 1929 pogrom. The ultimate success of the operation emboldened Gush Emunim.

Sprinzak argues persuasively that the radical right was galvanized by the September 1978 Camp David Accords, a framework for peace which would lead to an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and commit Israel to giving the Palestinians limited autonomy. Radicals felt betrayed by Begin, who had been known as a maximalist. They parted ways with the prime minister by establishing Tehiya.

Tehiya, which until recently was a member of the present Israeli government, is credited by Sprinzak with having articulated the interests of the radical right in the Knesset and with having crystallized an anti-peace bloc in the Knesset.

Gush Emunim, he states, has provided "the pioneering spirit and institutional infrastructure" for the radical right.

According to Sprinzak, Gush Emunim claims not only the territories, but land promised in Genesis 15 in Jordan, Syria and Iraq.

To Gush Emunim ideologues, Eretz Yisrael is indivisibly Jewish by divine command, and the Palestinian problem is a ploy by Arabs, furthered by naive Jews, to destroy Israel.

Sprinzak claims that the radical right peaked between 1979 and 1984, the years of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, the Lebanon War and the growth of Arab-Jewish friction in the territories. But it remains to be seen whether future events will overtake this thesis.

Muslims returning to roots

By
DAVID RUDGE

A growing number of Muslim Israeli Arabs are returning to their religious roots, in keeping with the march of Islam in the region and the world generally. This phenomenon, which has been steadily growing since the Islamic revolution in Iran, was particularly noticeable during the month-long Ramadan fast which ended earlier in April with the Id al-Fitr feast.

Mosques throughout Israel were packed with worshippers. According to conservative estimates, more than 70 percent of the 600,000 Muslim Israeli citizens fasted this year; a decade ago, it was roughly 50 percent. They included many young people, bearded men and girls, many of whom have taken to wearing the traditional jilbad dress.

Some observers said the clement weather partly contributed to the marked increase in Ramadan observance, unlike last year's Ramadan which occurred at the height of summer (the Muslim year being calculated according to the phases of the moon).

Israel Television's Arabic news reporter, Jawdat Odeh, of Haifa, attributed the increase in observance to the general trend among Muslims of rediscovering their religious roots, and disenchantment with the often vain struggle for material wealth.

Odeh said about 50 percent of those who fasted over Ramadan were fervent believers, while the remainder observed the holiday from a sense of tradition.

Wasil Taha from Kafr Kana, near Nazareth, noted that Islam is a strong and growing factor in the daily life of Muslims. He added that the collapse of communism, as well as disenchantment with secularist values, had also contributed to the rise of Islam.

In the past five years, 40 new mosques have been built in Arab towns and villages throughout the country, according to Gadi Hitman, assistant to Alex Bligh, the prime minister's advisor on minority affairs. Umm el-Fahm, centre of the burgeoning Islamic movement, now has some 14 mosques as well as an Islamic college with over 7,000 students — a quarter of the Triangle town's population. (The Triangle is an area of Israel near the pre-1967 border with Jordan that houses a high concentration of Arabs.)

Hitman said these figures, as well as the increased number of requests from Israeli Arab Muslims wanting to visit Mecca and Medina for the Haj and the "little Haj," known as Umra, attested to the growth of Islam in the country.

The rise in fundamentalism among Muslims has raised concern in some quarters, while the motives and aims of the Islamic movement have also come into question, especially after the murder of three Israeli soldiers at an army tent camp in February. The four Israeli Arabs from the Triangle arrested in connection with the gruesome killings are reported to be members of the Islamic movement, though they allegedly established a cell of the extremist Islamic Jihad.

The concept of the jihad (holy war) is itself considered to be an integral part of the Islamic faith — the all-important question being how it is interpreted by believers. There are some in Iran, Lebanon, the territories and other parts of the Arab world who use quotations from the Koran to substantiate their belief in a jihad by force. Others interpret the Koran and the teachings of Mohammed in an entirely different manner, believed that the holy war to convert people to Islam should be conducted only through friendly persuasion.

Observers believe the growth of the Islamic faith will continue in Israel in the foreseeable future, with Ramadan forming an increasingly strong ingredient in the lives of Muslims.
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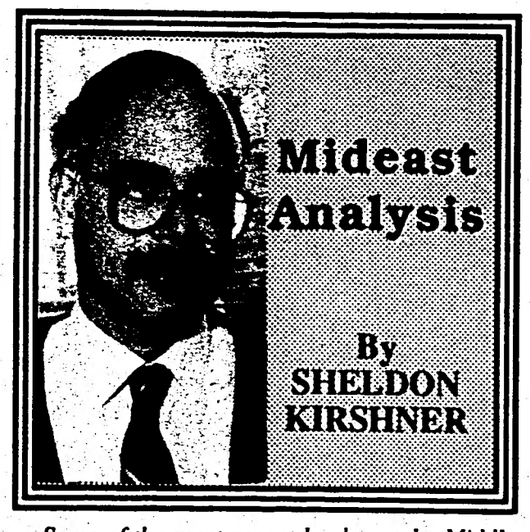

Some of the most recent books on the Middle East...

Of all the authorities on the Arab world, Albert Hourani is among the most preeminent. His latest book, *A History of the Arab Peoples* (Harvard University Press, $24.95 U.S.), is erudite, cogent and breathtaking in its sweep. Hourani leaves no stone unturned, as he analyzes the formation and practice of Islam, the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire, the penetration of European powers into the Middle East and the emergence of the Arab nation-state and Arab nationalism.

Originally published in 1965, William Polk's standard work, *The Arab World Today* (Harvard University Press, $14.95 U.S.), has been thoroughly updated. The revised edition contains material on three Arab-Israeli wars, Lebanon's internal strife and the war between Iran and Iraq. Polk ends his narrative in 1990 as the Gulf crisis breaks out.

The fourth edition of *A Concise History of the Middle East* (Westview Press, $24.95 U.S.), written by Arthur Goldschmidt, is comprehensive in its scope. It, too, stops with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

During the Cold War, the Middle East was a flashpoint of Soviet-American rivalry. In *The Superpowers and the Middle East* (Syracuse University Press, $14.95 U.S.), Alan Taylor cooly discusses this confrontation and explains Washington's and Moscow's respective policies.

Under the direction of Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet Union gradually improved its often tense relationship with Israel. A useful chronology of these events is provided by Robert Freedman in *Soviet Policy Toward Israel Under Gorbachev* (Greenwood Publishing Group, no price listed). Highly informative.

Middle East books

Elaine Sciolino's account of Iraq under Saddam Hussein, *The Outlaw State: Saddam Hussein's Quest for Power and the Gulf Crisis* (John Wiley, $22.95 U.S.), is among the best on the subject. Sciolino is a *New York Times* correspondent whose blend of enterprising first-hand reporting and dispassionate analysis combines to produce an eminently accessible book.

Circle of Fear (Stoddart, $25.95) is an eye-opener. The author, Hussein Sumaida, is a product of the Iraqi elite, a man whose father was a confidant of Saddam Hussein. Sumaida, having grown disillusioned with Iraqi society and hateful of his abusive father, left Iraq and enlisted in the Mossad. Exposed as an Israeli agent, he went to work for Iraq's secret service. In 1990 he arrived in Toronto and asked for refugee status. *Circle of Fear*, written with journalist Carole Jerome, is chilling. But is he a reliable witness? Let the reader decide.

Dilip Hiro's *The Longest War: The Iran-Iraq Military Conflict* (Routledge, $16.95 U.S.) is a first-rate account of the most destructive war in the modern history of the Middle East. Lasting from 1980 to 1988, this conflict exacted a frightening toll in lives and property losses. Hiro delves into its causes and its jagged course.

From 1919 until 1952, Egypt was engaged in a fervent struggle for sovereignty and national identity. Selma Botman, a specialist in Egyptian politics, describes this turbulent epoch in *Egypt From Independence to Revolution* (Syracuse University Press, $12.95 U.S.). Botman's grasp of the topic is admirable.

William O'Brien's thoughtful study, *Law and Morality in Israel's War with the PLO* (Routledge, $19.95), covers a lot of ground. The 1982 Lebanon War and the intifada are but two of the topics he addresses.

Allan Gerson was counsel to Jeane Kirkpatrick when she was Washington's ambassador to the UN from 1981 to 1985. During this eventful period, Israel invaded Lebanon, annexed the Golan Heights and attacked Iraq's nuclear reactor. In *The Kirkpatrick Mission* (Maxwell Macmillan, $29.95), Gerson assesses Kirkpatrick's contributions, as well as her views of Arab-Israeli problems which came to her attention.

Oliver North's autobiography, *Under Fire* (Harper Collins, $25), is, not surprisingly, self-justifying. However, his revelations of the Iran-Contra scandal, and Israel's role in that controversy, offer insights into Israeli foreign policy with regard to Iran and Iraq.

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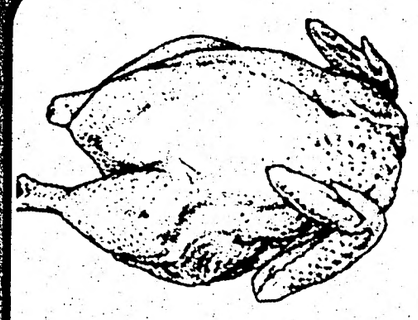

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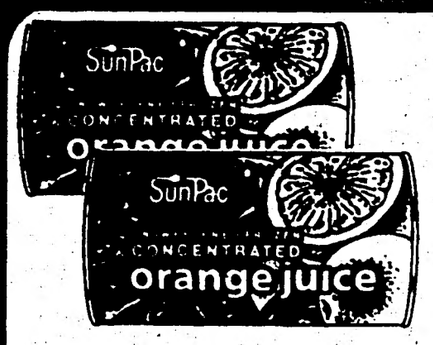

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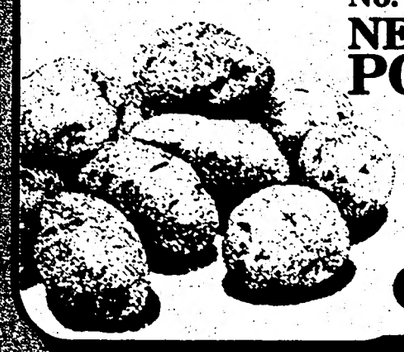

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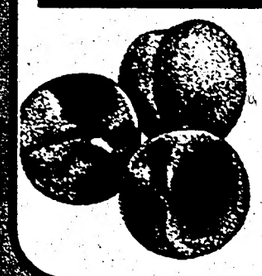

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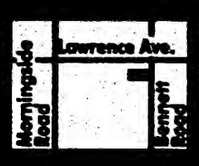

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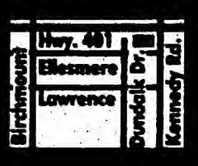

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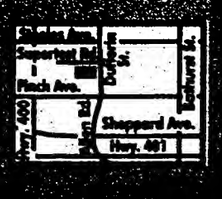

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Organizations and People

Pavilion to mark reunification

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Monty Mazin is a perennially cheerful guy, as anyone who knows him knows, but these days, he's downright exuberant.

That's because the annual Jerusalem Pavilion, of which Mazin is this year's chairman and "mayor," is just days away.

And this year's pavilion, to last from June 20 to the 27th, has extra significance, for it will help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Pavilion, located in the downtown Jewish Community Centre (750 Spadina Ave.) is traditionally among the highlights of Metro Toronto's annual International Caravan Week, which celebrates the city's ethnic diversity through a myriad of national pavilions.

Again this year, the Jerusalem Dancers, under creative director Rivka Atzmony, and the Ne'imot Singers, led my Doron Ophir, will headline the entertainment with daily performances. There will also be a cabaret-style show every day. The Jerusalem Pavilion's entertainment has won Caravan awards in previous years.

Monty Mazin

The dancers, formed especially for the 1990 pavilion, perform an engaging repertoire of Yemenite, Israeli and chassidic dances.

Sunday, June 21, will feature choirs drawn from community groups and Jewish day schools.

And B'nai Brith's Russian lodge, Shalom Aleichem, has formed a 25-member choir especially for the pavilion. It will perform songs in Russian, Ukrainian, Hebrew, English and Yiddish.

This year's pavilion "princess" is 19-year-old Sharon Singal, a CHAT graduate who will act as official hostess clad in 17th-century Middle East dress.

Other pavilion highlights will include a traditional Jerusalem marketplace, or shuk, kosher Israeli-style delicacies prepared by members of B'nai Brith Canada's Forestdale Heights Lodge and children's activities.

As well, a group of senior citizens is volunteering their woodworking skills. Their projects will include a miniature wood replica of the citadel of David and a 6-foot directional sign to show pavilion "locations."

Mazin says he's trying to attract a more mixed crowd to the pavilion in order to reflect Jerusalem's ethnic and religious diversity.

The pavilion is sponsored by B'nai Brith and is a joint project of the Community Volunteer Service Network and BB's Israel affairs committee.

For more information, call (416) 633-6224.

Development day gets rescheduled

TORONTO —
The Toronto Board of Education recently changed the scheduled date of a professional development day so it would not fall on Rosh Hashanah.

The move came following a meeting between representatives of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and Joan Green, director of the Toronto board. Jewish educators had complained that scheduling the development day on one of Judaism's holiest occasions would prevent them from attending and put their students at a disadvantage.

While commending the board for rescheduling the date, league national director Karen Mock said "to do otherwise would have flown in the face of months of ongoing consultation between the league and the board of education to prevent just this type of situation. We were particularly disappointed because the board was alerted last year about the need to avoid conflicts with religious holy days."

Mock, who pointed out that the league had worked with the board to produce a report on its human rights practices, said "developing inclusive policies for all religious groups is a challenge, but our stance would have been the same for any other group's holy day. We hope that our educational system will rise to the challenge of inclusion."

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Jerusalem must remain Israel's capital: David

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

As the world increases its pressure on Israel to give up sovereignty over Jerusalem, Jews world-wide must increase their support of Jerusalem as the Jewish capital, Oren David, acting consul general of Israel, said here recently.

Jerusalem's significance to Judaism in a spiritual, religious, cultural and historical sense is unparalleled, he said, speaking at Jerusalem Day, celebrating the re-unification of the city in 1967, at the Pantages Theatre where an exhibit of 50 Israeli artists took place.

The art show was sponsored by the Toronto New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada and organized by Alan Feld, Connie Putterman, Tammi Goldstein and Susan Batist.

Part of the proceeds of the art sale will be used to build a playing field in Israel for Russian and Ethiopian olim.

Jerusalem is the oldest capital in the world and in five years will be 3,000 years old, David said. It was a long time under foreign occupation, but since 1967, Israel has for the first time made it accessible to all religions.

The paintings and sculpture exhibited demonstrated the wide spectrum of Israeli art with traditionaland abstract vying for attention whether in watercolors, oils or in new mediums. The prices ranged from $8,000 for *Woman Holding Two Lumps of Pain*, mixed media on paper, by Dorrit Yacoby to under $200 for some lithographs.

Three works by Itzchak Tarkay, all limited edition lithographs, and ranging in price from $1,500 to $2,100, attracted a good deal of interest.

Three watercolors by Menachem Conen, *Alley in Acre* for $260, *Alley in Safed* at the same price, and *Safed* for $360 were also very popular.

LUCKY WINNER

The Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto recently held its Third Annual Lottery Draw at the B'nai Torah Synagogue. A full capacity hall of J.R.C. supporters attended a reception at which the three prizes were drawn. With first prize winner Dr. and Mrs. M. Shane is Rabbi Yoseph Y. Zaltzman.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Due to our summer schedule, we will not be publishing the issues of July 2 and July 16. That means that all items that would ordinarily appear in the July 2 What's New and About People columns must be included in the June 25 issue (deadline is Thursday, June 11) and all items that would ordinarily appear July 16 must be included in the July 9 columns (deadline June 25). I will be at my desk on those days to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, June 11

SUMMER SOIREE, SILENT AUCTION

Lev Zahav Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, invites you to a Summer Soiree and Silent Auction to raise funds for Youth Aliyah, taking place at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Admission includes dessert and coffee and live musical entertainment. Silent Auction items can be paid for by VISA Mastercard or cash. For information, call 222-9592.

Friday, June 12

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., from 2-3 p.m. The program will feature popular, Jewish, and semi-classical music.

Sunday, June 14

SEFER TORAH DEDICATION

Hannah Schusheim and family and Congregation B'nai Torah invite the community, men, women and children, to the Torah dedication which will commence from 420 Connaught Ave., at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a celebration hosted by the Schusheim family in the Sam Ferman Hall of the synagogue.

ROZHINKES MIT MANDLEN

The Windsor Jewish Community Chorale, directed by **Harvey Schreibman**, will present *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen*, a Yiddish cantata with English narration, plus a program of English, Yiddish and Hebrew folksongs, at 1:30 p.m. at the Windsor JCC, 1641 Ouellette Ave. Guest artist is **Cantor Louis Danto** of Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Soloist is **Tracey Atin**.

Tickets are $10 adults, $3 students and children. For more information, call (519) 973-1772.

GALA AUCTION

Or Haemet Sephardic School's fundraising event is a gala auction being held at 20 Danby Ave. So for best buys and lots of bargains be sure to be there. It all begins at 7 p.m.

CHORALAIRS CLOSING CONCERT

The Choralairs of North York 28th annual closing concert takes place from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. There is no charge for the concert which features a varied program of Broadway, pop and folksongs. This performance includes a $1 raffle, the Choralairs once-a-year fundraising effort. New members are always welcome, all you need is a love of singing and a sense of fun!

HABONIM BREAKFAST MEETING

At Congregation Habonim's breakfast meeting **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, lawyer and founder of Nishma, will speak on L.A. Law versus Jerusalem Law, with video tape. The time is 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture is $6 per person.

GARAGE SALE

Nagillah Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada is holding a garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 341 Wilmington Ave. (at Finch), rain or shine. Sale features general merchandise, books, knick-knacks.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SISTERHOOD

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood breakfast meeting features guest speaker **Marsha Slavens**, Soviet Jewry Committee. The program takes place at 10 a.m. following breakfast.

ANOTHER GARAGE SALE

Old and new merchandise will be available at the garage sale sponsored by Magen David Synagogue, 10 McAllister Rd. (2 blocks south of Sheppard, off Bathurst). Sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

BROWNRIDGE CARNIVAL

Family fun is the theme of the carnival run by Brownridge Parent-Teacher Association from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 65 Brownridge Dr., Thornhill. There'll be fun and games for everyone plus gently used sports equipment, books and lots more.

Monday, June 15

SONE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Dr. Dorothy H. Sone Memorial lecture will be delivered by social scientist and educator **Prof. Arthur Kruger**, director, Ontario Institite for Studies in Education. His topic — Let My People Know. The time is 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. The community is invited.

CAFIP MEETING

Members and friends are invited to the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) meeting being held at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. A slide exhibit on the topic The Stampless Forerunners of the Holy Land will be presented.

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BALLET RECITAL

The Ontario Ballet Theatre recently presented *Rapunzel* to the elementary students, Grades 1-6, at Associated Hebrew Schools's Neptune branch. Pictured with members of the Ballet ensemble are, seated (from left) Eric Wagman, Aimee Press, Michael Orfus, and Zehara Grossman.

Also, CAFIP is looking for new members as well as guest speakers. Contact **Alvin Dickstein**, president at 594-8919 days or **Hartley Garshowitz**, program chairman, at 665-3555 days or 731-9268 evenings.

SCIENCE & JUDAISM

The Ohr Somayach/JEP lecture series is presenting When Science and Judaism Conflict, a video-taped lecture by **Rabbi Dale Gottlieb**, former associate professor of analytic philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, currently lecturer at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem. It takes place at 8 p.m. at 2939 Bathurst St. There is no charge.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The next meeting of the Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Call in confidence to **Ruth** at 763-9111.

Tuesday, June 16

THE JEWISH IMMIGRANT

New Fraternal Jewish Association together with the Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting a musical program entitled The Jewish Immigrant From Poverty to Protest with folk-singer/pianist/lecturer **Naomi Bell**. The time is 8 p.m. at the NFJA Centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group is featuring a slide show entitled Our Trip to the Soviet Union by **Hope Maissner**, chairman of the temple's Soviet Jewry Committee. The group meets from 9:45-11:30 a.m. Babysitting is available. Contact **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

Wednesday, June 17

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

Cellist **Igor Gefter**, 18, winner of Temple Sinai's Legacy Award for 1992, will be appearing in concert at 8 p.m. at the temple. The Gefter family came to Canada two years ago from the Soviet Union and are members of the temple.

Igor began studying cello at age eight in the U.S.S.R. and at age 15 entered the special Music School of the Moscow Conservatory. Prior to coming to Canada he also studied in Italy. He is presently a student at the Royal Conservatory of Music and has won several competitions since his arrival in Toronto.

Plan to attend this concert and bring a friend. Admission is free.

FORUM ON ABUSE AGAINST WOMEN

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is holding an open forum on abuse against women entitled Crisis in Society — A Personal Experience. The moderator is **Wendy Mesley** of the CBC. The time is 7 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Tickets are $5. For further information, call 633-5100.

BOOK REVIEW

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood book review will focus on *My Son's Story* by **Nadine Gordimer**. Lecturer is **Elaine Newton**. Coffee is served at 7:45 p.m. and the book review is at 8. Charge is $6 Sisterhood members, $12 non-members. RSVP to Olivia at the temple office at 789-3291.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** will appear in a musical afternoon at Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. Program begins at 2 p.m. and features Jewish, Hebrew and semi-classical music.

Thursday, June 18

FALLING OVER BACKWARDS

The Young Associates of Israel Cancer Research Fund presents *Falling Over Backwards*, a film starring **Saul Rubinek** at 7 p.m. at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E. Admission is $10 and includes reception and door prizes. For information, call ICRF at 487-5246.

And What Else Is New...

TO VISIT TWO CONGREGATIONS

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, a Fellow of the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Kollel Elyon, the institute for advanced rabbinic studies at the Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) in New York City, will deliver two shiurim (scholarly lectures) in the Toronto area June 13-14. Rabbi Steinmetz will discuss The Layman Within the Jewish Tradition Saturday, June 13, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, and again on Sunday, June 14, at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Rabbi Steinmetz, 27, is spiritual leader of the Fleetwood Synagogue, Mount Vernon, N.Y. His wife, the former **Lisa Schwartz**, is the daughter of **Joe and Rosalyn Schwartz** of Toronto.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

The 1992 summer season of B'nai Isaac Synagogue in Baysville, Ont., begins the weekend of June 26-28. Friday evening services are at sundown and Saturday services are at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call 636-2223.

ULTIMATE DANCE EXPERIENCE

From June 29-July 30, the Koffler Centre School of Dance is offering an exciting array of dance workshops. Principal and director of the school, **Jacque Foesier** has assembled a faculty of notable teachers including **William Orlowski, Bonnie Monaghan, Robert Ainsley, Frank McKie, Jeanne Foesier** and **Warren Risto**.

Workshops in ballet, jazz, tap, club and party

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PICNIC

Leo Baeck Day School is hosting a family picnic Sunday, June 14, to celebrate its Chai anniversary. Susanne Alter (left) and Esther Bobet (right) are chairing the event. Maureen Kerbel (front right) is chairman of the alumni committee. With them is Rabbi Steven Garten, director of the school. Close to 800 former and present students are expected to attend the event.

Organizations and People

What's New

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dancing, and ballroom are tailored for specific needs of all dancers, from beginners to the most advanced. For brochure and further information, call 631-5659.

THE DATING SERVICE

The Dating Service, established four years ago under the auspices of Toronto Zionist Council (which to date covers all of its expenses), has been run on a volunteer basis by **Fanny Pillersdorf**. The service, geared to ages 25-45, is free of charge and is open from Passover to early December.

All interviews are conducted privately by Mrs. Pillersdorf and information obtained is in strict confidence. Information such as religious leaning — Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, or none — or current employment, is compiled along with a photograph taken at the interview. Fanny Pillersdorf has three successful marriages to her credit as well as numerous relationships currently of a serious nature. Try this service out — you could be next!

ANNUAL TENNIS EXHIBITION

On Sunday, June 21, at 11:30 a.m., The Canada-Israel Athletics Fund is holding its annual tennis exhibition and luncheon featuring youngsters from tennis centres in Israel. Keynote speaker is **Shlomo Glickstein**, international tennis star and graduate of the Centres. For further enquiries, call **Ann** at 660-1999.

PRESCHOOLERS READING PROJECT

A University of Toronto researcher needs parents willing to be trained to teach their four to six-year-old children to read. The children will be part of a research project which uses comic as a learning tool.

Parents will use a teaching package which includes comic strips and flash cards. They should be willing to read with their children every day for about a week. After a week they will use the flash cards for learning new words. The process takes five minutes every day.

Parents interested in having their children take part in the project should contact Preschool Literacy Program at 323-9179.

THE KABBALAH CENTRE

Here's a list of interesting programs offered by the Kabbalah Learning Centre — Judaic Meditation starting Wednesday, June 17 at 8:30 p.m. (English), and starting Thursday, June 11, at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew); Judaic Astrology, starting Monday, June 22, at 8:30 p.m.; the study of the Zohar, a special lecture, Monday, June 22, at 7 p.m.

Call 631-9395 now to register for these courses. The Centre is located at 678 Sheppard Ave. W. The dean is **Rabbi Phillip Berg**.

JEWISH EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

Over 300 Jewish educators from The United States and Canada convened in Stanford, Conn., recently for the 40th annual conference of the Jewish Educators Assembly (JEA). The JEA is an organization including principals of supplementary schools, day schools, pre-schools, high schools, academicians and central agency personnel affiliated with the Conservative Movement.

Esther Gold (United Synagogue Day School), **Harold Malitzky** (retired, Board of Jewish Education), **Aaron Nussbaum** (USDS), **Ziona Rubinsztejn** (Beth Sholom), **Joan Schoenfeld** (Downtown Jewish Community School), **Herb Spindel** (Shaareh Haim), and **Laura Wiseman Wallach** (USDS) were delegates to this year's conference from the Canada Region of JEA.

DONATIONS FOR GARAGE/YARD SALE

A garage/yard sale is being held in late June in support of Performing Arts York Region, a non-profit organization. If you have items to donate to this sale, please call 889-5666 or 881-9158 for pick-up. If you have a van or vehicle suitable for transporting such items, do let the committee know. It needs all the muscle power it can get.

JF & CS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following summer workshops (evenings and daytime series available): Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work—self-esteem, realistic expectations, discipline and communication; For Women Only—communication, self-esteem, relationships, time management, stress management and more; Surviving Separation and Divorce—living alone, dealing with feelings and emotions, separating from the past and looking ahead.

For information about dates, registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

OPERATION OVERCOAT

United Way of Greater Tornto and Cadet Cleaners want you to go undercover for Operation Overcoat, a program that will help to keep a lot of people warm next winter.

Think twice before you put away your outgrown and extra winter coats. Instead, drop them off at any of the YMCA's five fitness facilities: Metro Central, North York, West End, Mississauga and Scarborough. Men's ladies and children's coats will be accepted until June 19. Once Cadet cleans the coats, United Van Lines and United Way will distribute them to people in need.

SHAVUOT IN SUDBURY

Members of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Sudbury marked Shavuot with a service at the synagogue Saturday, June 6, for Minca and Arvit. Then on Sunday, the 7th, there was a picnic and hayrides for the children of the Hebrew School and their families at Rocky Mountain Ranch.

CAMP FOR ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of children with asthma might like to know that the Camp for Children with Asthma, which is sponsored by the Asthma Society of Canada, will again be held this year June 27-July 11. The camp is situated on Lake Couchiching near Orillia. Young asthmatics, ages 7-15, will be able to participate in regular camp activities while their medical needs are carefully supervised. The Asthma Society provides 24-hour medical care.

The fee for the two-week stay is $160 (financial assistance is available). For further information, call the Society at 977-9684.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch has arranged a 30,000 Islands cruise Tuesday, Aug. 18, including Snake Island named for an Indian chief; Pleasant Island where treaties between the Indians and British were signed; Giant's Tomb, Midland area, Castle Village Gift Shop. Bring your own lunch. Price is $25 members, $28 non-members. Purchase tickets at front desk. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

The JCC Bloor Y's Summer Fun camp has limited spaces available for ages 4½-10. The camp runs four 2-week sessions. For a brochure, call 924-6211.

Twentysomething Downtowners, ages 24-35, meets for monthly programs at the Bloor Y. To find out about upcoming events or to get on the mailing list, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

There are still spaces available at Kids Kourt Day Camp at the JCC North-East Valley branch. The camp is geared to ages 2-5 and runs two 3-week sessions during July and August. Contact **Sofie** at 889-0813.

For updated information on Singles Connection lecture series and dances at the NE Valley, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a Variety Show, Thursday, June 18, from 7-10 p.m.; Father's Day dinner and dance with full course kosher chicken dinner Sunday, June 21, from 7-11 p.m. (buy tickets in advance); beach picnic and party at Port Dalhousie, Thursday, July 7; Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel July 19-24 (under New York Kashruth Commission); plus day trips for members ($5). For details on upcoming trips and activities, call 636-7856.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., the current session of the 60 and Holding nutritional counselling and weight reduction program runs on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. for six more sessions. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267...The summer outing Monday, June 22, is to Lindsay, Ont. for a cruise on Sturgeon Lake, picnic lunch, tour of Indian reservation. The cost is $34 members, $37 non-members including transportation. Call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274 for more information...Programs this week include bingo Sunday, June 14, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Common Room, and a musical variety in Yiddish featuring **Gloria Valentine** and **John Henry Nyenhuis** Tuesday, June 16, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, invites you on Thursday, July 9, for a day away to the Aston Villa Resort in the Muskoka Lakes with stops at points of interest, full course sit down lunch and planned activities; and on Thursday, Aug. 6, to the daancing water falls at Ancaster Mill with buffet lunch and visit to Mary Maxim's in Paris, Ont., and more. For details of more upcoming outings, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** on a deluxe trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel July 19-28 (under New York kosher law) for only $890 including deluxe medical insurance. A meeting is set for Tuesday, June 16, from 1-3 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Tessler Hall. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 days or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club upcoming trips include the Catskills at the Homowack Hotel July 20-28; Art Park to see *Cabaret* July 30, and *West Side Story* Aug. 13; Shaw Festival for *Pygmalion*, Oct. 28, and two cruises — Fenelon Falls July 13 and Peterborough Locks Aug. 27. For information on all trips and programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Join the **Good Age Club** at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. for a variety of programs. Annual fee is $10 plus $1 weekly charge. Coffee and bagels are served. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

The Travel Club, a fun-loving group 50 plus, has arranged three fabulous days in the Finger lakes, N.Y., July 10-12, with all meals, Mark Twain Festival, dinner cruise and more. Also, two days in Chautaqua, N.Y., Aug. 22-23 to see **Shirley Jones**. For more information, call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Celebrate Canada Day at the Centre with your family Sunday, June 28. Enjoy guest speaker **Bill Gleberzon**, the Multicultural Bernard Betel Choirs, traditional barbecue lunch ($3, buy your tickets now!), singalong, singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, Canada's birthday cake plus raffles, door prizes. Admission is free.

The movie *Yentl* is being screened Sunday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m. No charge for members, $1 for non-members.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, June 14, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on June 17 features **Alex Goldinov**, who sings in many languages. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

Enjoy a relaxing Sunday lunch at the Betel Bistro Cafe. The cafeteria is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and hot lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price is $4.50 members, $7.50 non-members.

About People

A RETURN TO ISRAEL

Amnon Hever's mission in Toronto ends early in July when he and his family will be returning to Israel. Asked by the Jewish Agency to accept a teaching mission in Toronto in 1987, Hever taught Jewish history at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) these past four years. While in Toronto he produced *The Jewish Journal*, a television program of Jewish interest and information, on Cable TV, and later *The Jewish Voice* which has been running successfully for 1½ years on the public multicultural channel.

Hever was born and educated in Israel. Prior to coming to Canada, he taught at Kiryat Hinuch in Ramat Gan for 10 years and then at Ulpanat Lahava in Yakir, where he served as vice-principal. He has written three text books on Jewish history which are used in many schools in Israel, and is currently working on a text for bar/bat mitzvah students. His dream now is to develop a Canadian settlement in Israel.

He says "It is hard to phone evrybody to say hello. Hope to see you in Israel and if you will come, feel free to phone 052-929291."

GALA WEDDING

A kick-off reception for the Jewish Russian Community Centre's "gala wedding" was held at the home of Herb and Joyce Green recently. The wedding will take place at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue Sept. 9. Called the Happiest Day of the Year, the event will witness the marriage, according to Jewish tradition, of 10 Jewish Russian couples previously only married by civil law in the former U.S.S.R. The next reception will be held at the home of Mendel and Helen Green Thursday, June 18. Anyone interested can call 862-7880 for information. Seen above are (from left) Mendel Green, committee member; Helen Green, gala wedding chairman; Herb Green, Joyce Green, committee member; Chiena Zaltzman, and Rabbi Yoseph Saltzman, rabbi/executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto. [Zephyr studios photo]

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Bermans showered with love at Aish HaTorah event

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

There have probably been more formal tribute evenings, but there can't have been many as imbued with warmth and genuine affection as the one Aish HaTorah recently tendered Joe and Helen Berman.

The Bermans were among the earliest supporters in Toronto of Aish Hatorah, an Orthodox outreach educational outreach program, and continue not only as benefactors but as active participants.

At the event, held at the Sheraton Centre, a Torah was dedicated in their honor. The Torah will be housed in the Aish HaTorah New World Centre currently being built across from the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Tribute chairman Neil Nisker noted that Joe Berman had also founded the Endowment Fund, and called the couple "an inspiration."

Helen Berman, in her first public speech, said that she was "moved" that in the last third of her life, she and her husband had the opportunity to study together and share the "sweetness" of learning Torah.

In a speech that had many of the audience in tears, Joe Berman urged those in the audience to savor each moment of life, to communicate, to question, to establish a relationship with G-d.

In an emotional tribute, he described his wife Helen as his role model.

Without her, he said, his life would have had "less passion, less fervor, less music, les color...less of all the positives of living."

Drum rolls

To drum rolls and fanfares, the Torah was brought into the hall under the traditional chupah. The Torah was carried by the Bermans' children and grandchildren, as was the chupah.

Rabbi Noah Weinberg, founder and dean of Aish HaTorah, who accepted the Torah on behalf of the institution, described the Bermans as "awesome — they show what the human spirit can be."

Guest speaker David Luchins, special assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, said that the current tension between the United States and Israel mirrors the tension between historical ties and current economic realities.

During the Cold War, he said, Israel was seen as a buttress against Soviet policies and tactics in the Middle East.

Now, he said, the United States must deal with the economic demands and needs of the Gulf countries.

Nevertheless, he said, Israel has the firm support of Congress, whose members, he noted dryly, "do not commit political suicide."

The American challenge, Luchins said, is to find a middle ground between Arab demands and Israeli security needs.

A highlight of the evening was a video, produced by Matthew Diamond and prepared by Digital Presentations, that brought greetings from friends, family and acquaintances in Canada and Israel.

Famed cellist Ofra Harnoy played musical selections that were enthusiastically received.

The evening concluded with a reception.

Master of ceremonies was television personality Monty Hall.

Rabbi Zvi Fleischer completes the Torah scroll presented to Aish HaTorah New World Centre in honor of Joe and Helen Berman. Looking on are Helen and Joe Berman and (far right) Rabbi Noah Weinberg, dean of the organization. [Paul Appleby photo]

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Summer Beach Party at **Berlin**, 2335 Yonge Street (north of Eglinton). **Sunday, June 14. 8:00pm.** Featuring door prizes for the best summer or beachwear. Also presenting for our first time ever, **Selectrocution**: A computerized mingling game (high-tech flirting). Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. 10337

Metro Toronto Singles presents Concord Singles Weekend. July 9-12. Call **222-7111**. Optional deluxe bus available. 10356

Jewish Adult Programming Society, Toronto Division is holding a Shorts and Shades 5th Anniversary Bash at Still Life, 217 Richmond Street. June 14. 8:00pm. For more info please call the infoline, 763-7749. 10440

Metro Toronto Singles presents our 2nd annual **Canada Day Summer Cruise** aboard the Tall Ship Empire Sandy. Wednesday, July 1st. Includes all you can eat dinner and spectacular view of fireworks. **222-7111** for information. 10338

"Mix and Mingle Night"

New Image 50 Plus Singles. Sunday, June 14th. Earl Bales Community Centre. Meeting starts at 8:30pm, dancing and refreshments to follow. Tapes by **Murray Jacobs**. Members $2.00, non-members $3.00. Everyone welcome!

P.S. Last chance!! A few seats still available for Catskill trip, July 26-August 3. Call H. Pearson, 633-0397. 10296

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How money is really made.

Furniture Bank returns to assist immigrants

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

The Furniture Bank for Jewish Immigrants is back in business after a hiatus of several months. During the two years that community volunteers Marsha Slivka (now director of the New Israel Fund) and Shirley Hanick ran the program they originated in 1989, they helped furnish well over 1,000 households of new immigrants with donated items — everything from desperately needed beds to framed artwork as a finishing touch.

When it was no longer possible for the volunteers to continue running the furniture bank, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), with whom they'd worked closely, took over the project and hired Elizabeth Goldstein, a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario, to be its co-ordinator.

The furniture bank is based in a donated 1500-square-foot warehouse in downtown Toronto, but is still "desperately looking for donated free space in the northern part of the city," said Perry Romberg, executive director of JIAS. Most of the immigrants, about 98 percent of whom are Russian, says Romberg, live in the Bathurst-Finch area.

Basic needs include tables, chairs, couches and dressers. Televisions in working order are also very welcome. "Some people think they're a luxury," Romberg told *The CJN*, "but [the immigrants] need to hear as much English as possible."

"Bikes are also a luxury," says Goldstein, but especially in the summer, they are welcome donations, as long as they are not rusty.

Elizabeth Goldstein, new co-ordinator of the Furniture Bank for Jewish Immigrants, shown at her desk planning weekly schedules for picking up donations.

The Furniture Bank only accepts furniture in good condition — nothing torn or dirty. They do not accept clothes or books, and there is a drop-off point for items such as dishes and linens, in order to make Sunday pickups of furniture by the immigrants, accompanied by a volunteer, more efficient.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the furniture bank may contact them at 330-2937.

Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) 10th floor staff members (from left) Bephanie Donguegan, Bella Agaronova and Helena Kopman accompany JHA resident Edith Katz and family members Percy and Elsa Skuy on the 5K walk. A 20-member team made up of 10th floor staff, residents and their families took part in the walk.

Baycrest Fun Run/Walk draws over 2,000 people

TORONTO —

Baycrest's 12th annual Fun Run and Walk happened to fall on the first day of real spring weather and participants seized the opportunity to soak up the sunshine.

More than 2,000 walkers and runners came out for the Mother's Day event, organized by the Men's Service Group to support fitness and health maintenance programs at Baycrest.

Although sponsorship money is still coming in, this year's activities are expected to raise $100,000. Hundreds of representatives from the Mon Sheong Foundation for Chinese seniors and the Metro Homes for the Aged also participated to raise money for their own programs.

This is the first year the 5K walk, the Aerobathon and the Tiny Tot Trot were added to the ever-popular 5K and 10K runs and all events were "very enthusiastically received," said co-ordinator Edna Levitt.

The five-kilometre walk was especially well-attended by people and pets of all ages. Among the walkers were North York Mayor Mel Lastman, North York councillor Howard Moscoe and East York Mayor David Johnson.

As in previous years, all activities received generous support from a host of sponsors. Celebrities on hand this year included Olympic gymnast Curtis Hibbert and Toronto Argonaut Don Wilson, accompanied by the Toronto Argonaut SUNdancers.

Winners of the 10K run were Manuel Salvati and Allison Evanoff, and winners of the 5K were John Cadorin and Benita Gras.

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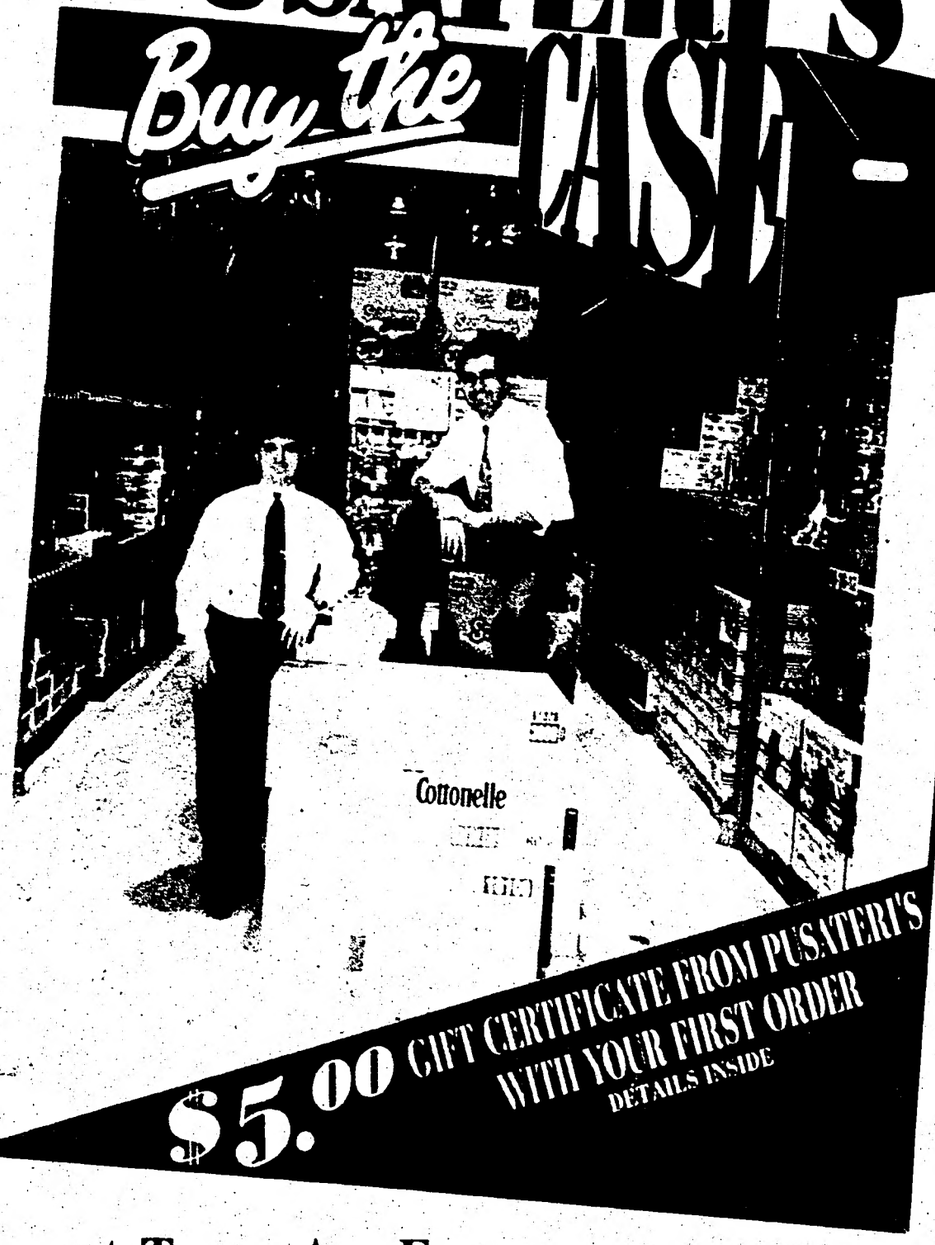

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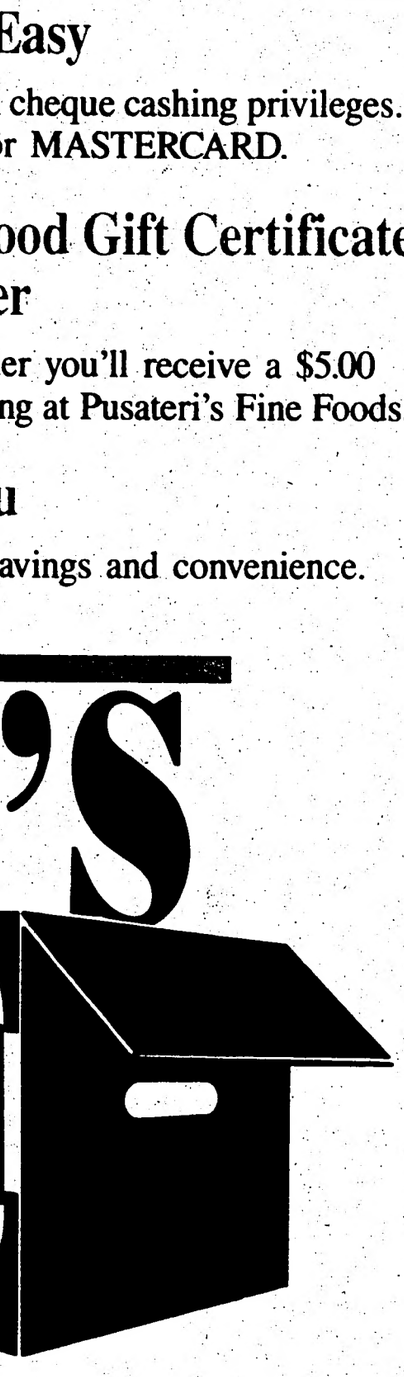

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Black, Granovsky honored to mark reunited Jerusalem

TORONTO —

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, two distinguished Canadians were awarded the Jerusalem plaque by the Canadian Zionist Federation, World Zionist Organization.

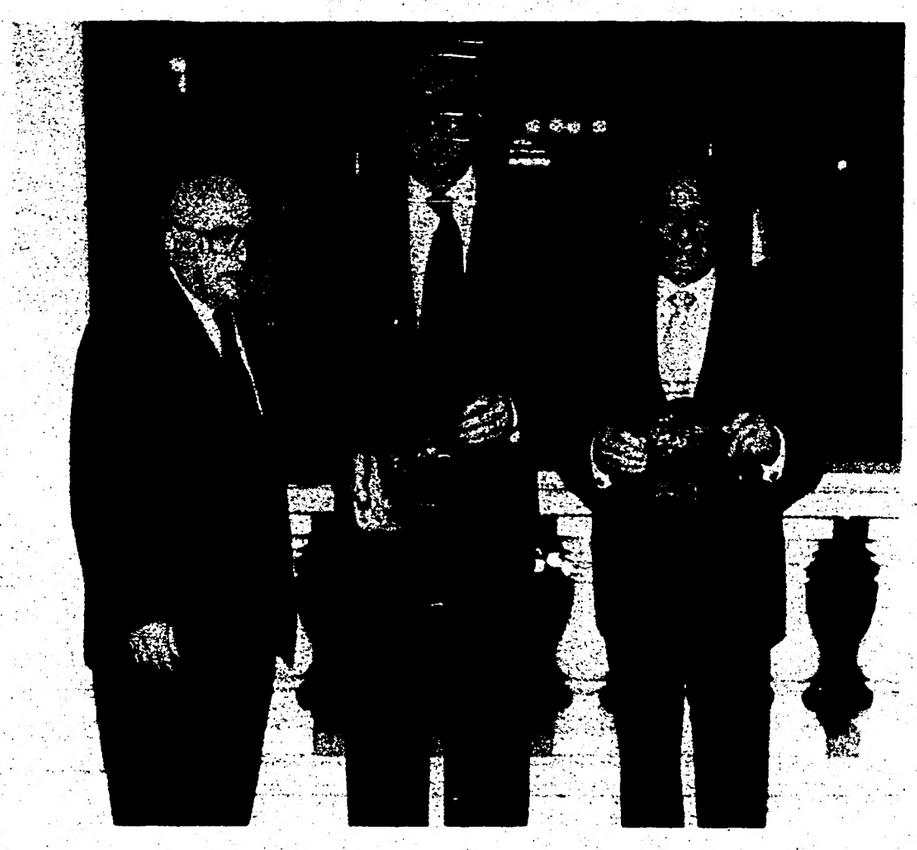
At a reception at Queen's Park chaired by Kurt Rothschild, national president of Canadian Zionist Federation, Conrad Black, publisher of the *Jerusalem Post*, and Phil Granovsky, former world chairman, Keren Hayesod, were honored.

Acting consul general Oren David brought a scroll to the gathering which had been commissioned to commemorate the rededication of the Jerusalem Covenant, reaffirming a re-established Jerusalem, unified and whole, as the capital of Israel. This scroll, signed by leaders of the Jewish community of Toronto, will be presented to the mayor of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Erwin Schild gave a moving commentary on the centrality of Israel and Jerusalem as a united city open to all major religions. Rabbi Schild emphasized that there are two aspects of peace, a peace that is physical and tangible and a peace that is spiritual. It was his fervent hope that the future would bring together true unification, when both aspects would be as one.

Accepting on behalf of Conrad Black, who was unable to attend, Alan Gotlieb, former Canadian ambassador to the United States and a close friend of the honoree, spoke of Black's sense of history, his love of fairness, his appreciation of loyalty, and his ongoing friendship to a democratic Israel.

Phil Granovsky, in accepting his award, spoke of his deep love for the State of Israel. He recalled being in Jerusalem immediately following the liberation, 25 years ago. He told of the moving scene as Jews poured into their liberated city, to pray once again at the Western Wall.



At the CZF reception are (from left) Kurt Rothschild, Alan Gotlieb and Phil Granovsky. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

CORRECTION

In the photo accompanying the account of the recent Eitz Chaim annual dinner (*CJN*, June 4) an error was made in listing the names.

The past presidents holding the plaque are (from left) Anne Botnick, Ruth Lister and (far right) Nancy Silver. Current co-president Chani Botnick is second from right.

The CJN regrets the error.

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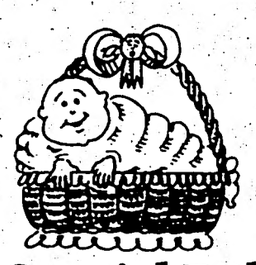

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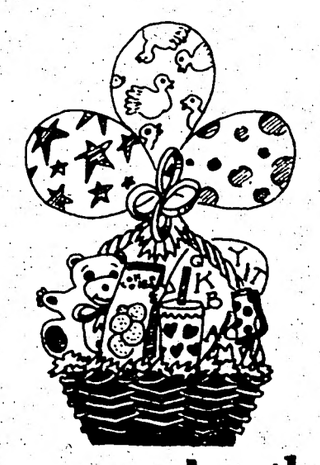

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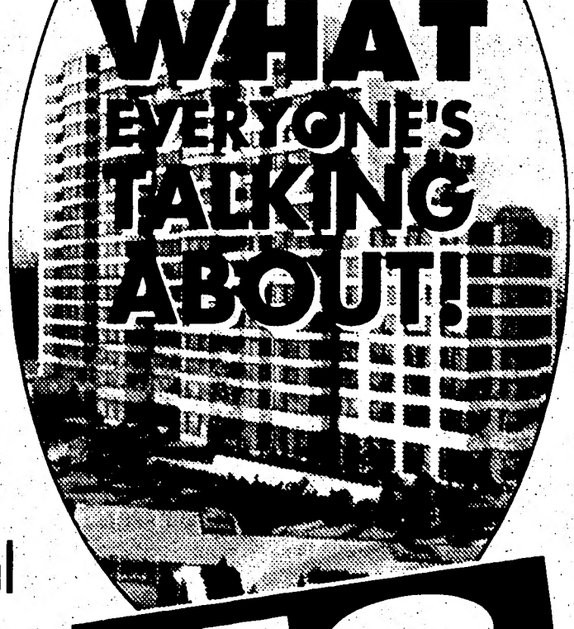

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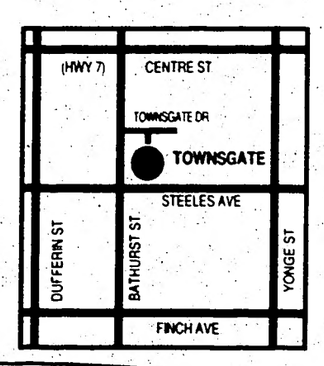

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Leo Baeck turns 18

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
A chai celebration party will mark the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of Leo Baeck Day School, Canada's first (and Toronto's only) Reform day school.

The event, which will be held at the school's Kenton campus, is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

The lovable Polkaroo from television's *Polka Dot Door* will be making an appearance. As well, there will be a pitching cage, face painting, a contingent from Celebrity Clowns brought by grandparent Norman Gilbert, treats, a birthday cake supplied by Sue Devor of Sweet Sue's and entertainment by disc jockey D.J. Corey and children from the school.

As a special treat, for a nominal charge, participants can try to dunk school director Rabbi Steven Garten, teachers or board members in a tank of water.

Susanne Alter, co-chairman of the celebration along with Esther Bobet, says that an attempt is being made to also have alumni, former teachers and parents attend.

She is especially excited, she says, that Morrie Sorin, director of the school for 11 years, and Karen Friedman, who served as assistant director for 6½ years, are invited.

Rabbi Steven Garten said that Leo Baeck Day School began with 72 children in classrooms in Temple Emanu-El and in the home of Dr. Marshall and Linda Redhill next door.

Over the years, classes were also held at Adath Israel, Temple Sinai, and portables at Etienne Brule French School, until finally the Kenton Street location was leased from the North York Board of Education.

The school now houses some 450 students from preschool to Grade 8, and a new campus was opened "in honor of our 18th anniversay" at Holy Blossom Temple.

Rabbi Garten said that Leo Baeck hopes to move to its new campus north of Steeles sometime after September 1993.

When the school was founded, he said, there was no liberal Jewish day school in Toronto, no day school with a strong French program, no day school teaching Judaica in English, or teaching prayers in anything but the Orthodox mode.

The birthday cake will be cut by Sue Devor, an alumni parent whose husband Lou has served as president of the board of the school.

For more information on the chai celebration, call the school at 222-9220.

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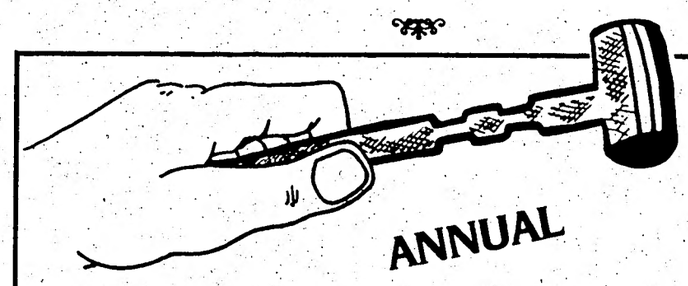

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A Tribute to ישראל

By LEN BUTCHER

Israel. A short, six-letter word that conjures up countless images to a variety of people.

If you are religious, Israel means the Holy Land where once lived and died those figures who would forever leave their imprint on mankind.

If you are an archeologist, Israel is a treasure trove of buried ancient cities and artifacts linking us to the past.

If you are a dreamer, Israel is a place where dreams really can come true.

And if you are a Jew, Israel is home.

I am not a Jew, although I feel like one, think like one, and, many people say, act like one.

My friends, both Jewish and Christian, often ask me why I feel so strongly about Israel. What invisible magnet draws me to a land and its people 7,000 miles away and to which I have no ties, neither family nor personal?

The answer is simple, at least for me, but there are many, who I am sure, will not understand. So be it. It doesn't matter that anyone understands. The important thing is that I do.

It began a number of years ago when I made my first trip to Israel. It was the only time I had flown anywhere — and I had travelled a great deal throughout my life — where all the passengers cheered, and many wept, as the plane touched down at Ben-Gurion airport. I wondered why at the time, but it didn't take me long to find out.

There is a magic about this incredible land. Not the Disneyland kind of magic built by Hollywood, but a special kind of magic created by the blood, sweat and tears of a people who believed. And still do.

This magic is all around you, whether you're driving through the Negev and come across a "mirage" of vineyards and orange groves; or hiking through the Galilee surrounded by trees, flowers and wildlife; or strolling through the halls of Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities; or listening to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; or choosing from a wide variety of exotic fruits and vegetables in the marketplaces; or hearing the haunting sounds at Yad Vashem; or scuba diving at Eilat; or feeling the wind against your face while riding a horse in the Golan Heights; or having a coffee with friends at a sidewalk cafe while you try to solve the world's problems; or watching the children, with their happy, smiling faces, play in a land that has been made safe and strong by a people who have two common bonds. Judaism and a country called Israel.

The first time I stood at the Western Wall, kipah on my head, my emotions, for no apparent reason, got the best of me and tears streamed down my face. Listening to old men and women, and teenagers getting ready for military duty, speak with fierce pride about their country, had the same effect. It seemed that whatever I saw, or whomever I talked to, would stir my emotions

The people are what people should be. Vibrant, alive, with strong feelings and even stronger convictions. High moral standards, a love of family and a joie de vivre. They are, as we say in Italian, "simpatico."

As for the country itself, it is a country with a heart. But more important, Israel is a country with a soul. That may sound trite to some, but you can feel it as you walk its ancient footpaths. It envelops you and permeates your very being.

For those who care about such things, and I hope there are many, Israel helps you to understand the very reason for your existence.

And for myself, it has given me something I have always sought. A place to call home.

A Tribute to Israel

At the opening festivities of the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem are (from left), Toronto Mayor June Rowlands, Batya Borowski, Murray and Marvelle Koffler, Benjamin and Ruth Abileah.

Stars come out for opening of museum

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Standing at the entrance of the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem at the ribbon cutting opening celebration and preview viewing on May 11, I was overwhelmed by the accomplishments of the museum's founders, Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski, formerly of Toronto and now living in Jerusalem.

The official opening ceremony, held outside the green glass entrance to the low elegant Jerusalem stone museum, located between the Knesset, the Shrine of the Book and the Israel Museum, began with the singing of *Hatikvah* by Israeli school children whose voices were joined by the 1,500 people who came to honor the Borowskis and witness a dream transformed to reality.

Among the honored guests on the podium with the Borowskis were Chaim Herzog, the president of the State of Israel, Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem, Toronto's Mayor June Rowlands and Benjamin Abileah, former consul-general of Israel in Toronto and now the director of the Bible Lands Museum.

Polish-born Elie Borowski, 78, who lost most of his family in the Holocaust, fought with a Jewish unit in the French army and was interned in Switzerland during the war, recited the prayer *Shehechayanu*. With great emotion he gave thanks for living to see the establishment of the museum.

Praise was heaped on the founders for their "dedication and commitment despite hardships and obstacles" in collecting the priceless artifacts and constructing the $12 million building — a combination of Elie Borowski's scholarship and business acumen as a dealer-collector and his wife's tenacious desire to house their collection in the holy capital.

The new jewel in the crown of Jerusalem is the fulfillment of the hopes and dreams of the Borowskis and their gift to Israel and the world — to scholars, students and viewers. The unique new museum, with an unparalleled collection of more than 3,000 ancient Near Eastern antiquities, is innovative and differs in its concept from all other museums.

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According to the founders, their aim was to place the Bible within its Near Eastern setting. Dr. Joan Goodnick Westenholz, the museum's chief curator, notes that the Bible speaks often regarding the interactions of its people with surrounding cultures and the importance of the religious life in ancient times.

Westenholz says, "Without a sound knowledge of the nature and character of the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians and Hittites, the culture and ethos of the Israelites cannot be fully understood and appreciated."

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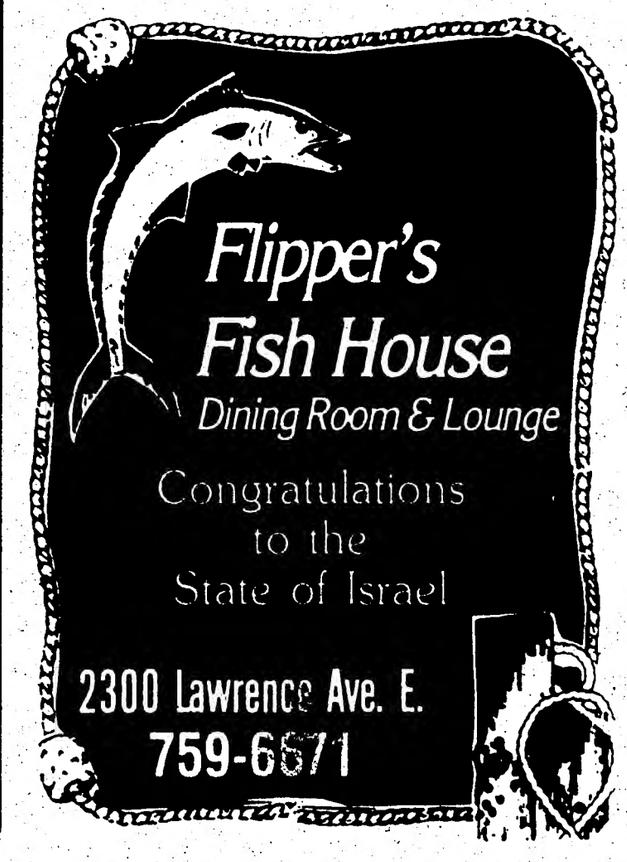

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Israeli school children sing *Hatikvah* at the opening ceremony of the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem. (Cynthia Gasner photos)

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At the entrance to the 20 galleries in the magnificent building is the Family of Man Gallery. There you are greeted with one of the numerous quotations from the Bible. "These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations in their nations; and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood." (Genesis 10:32)

I wandered through the ancient world of the Israelites, Canaanites, Assyrians, Babylonians and Syrians. From hunter to urban dweller through Sassanian Mesopotamia, the home of the Babylonian Talmud, I viewed thousands of years of history reflected in the biblical quotations.

The cylinder seals, relief fragments, clay objects, figurines and other pieces acumulated by Borowski for 40 years are a treasure gifted to mankind. They are displayed in see-through cases which create a flow of history at a glance.

While viewing the pieces in the museum, if you are lucky, as many viewers are, you will meet Elie Borowski. His blue eyes sparkle with enthusiasm as he delights in describing each precious piece and translating the pictographs, cuneiforms and hieroglyphics in the collection. His love of history and antiquities is contagious.

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It was a euphoric opening. For those who were privileged to participate, it was memorable to be part of a monumental event in Israel's cultural development.

It is hard to believe that most of the pieces in the BLMJ were once housed here in Canada. Speaker after speaker echoed the sentiment that the museum is where it should be — Jerusalem.

LAST ETHIOPIAN KES ARRIVES

The last Ethiopian Jewish spiritual leader Kes Taye Areyani arrived in Israel recently on a direct flight from Ethiopia. On his arrival at Ben Gurion the 80-year-old leader was presented with a silver Torah scroll by a Jewish Agency offical. (IPPA photo)

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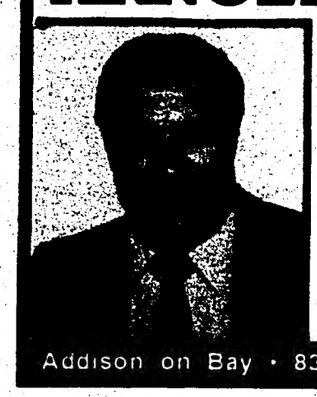
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A Tribute to Israel

Video by Youth Choir promotes world peace

On the occasion of Israel's 44th Anniversary of Independence Toronto's Habonim Youth Choir has released a four-minute music video on the theme of world peace. The song, entitled *Lay Down Your Arms* in English and *Lo Yisa Goy* in Hebrew, has received extensive exposure in Israel, where it was broadcast three times on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

The melody to the song was written by former Israeli army officer Doron Levinson, in memory of three friends who died in combat with Arab forces in 1972 and 1973.

The Hebrew lyrics are from Isaiah 2:4 (They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks etc.), and the English lyrics were written by Canadian songwriter Lisa Catherine Cohen.

The video contains footage of children from a wide variety of cultures and geographical regions around the world, featuring shots of Canadian, Greek, Peruvian, black and Eskimo children as well as pastoral nature scenes filmed in Israel (the Upper Galilee, Mt. Arbel, Beit Lechem, Jordan River), Morocco, Norway, Nova Scotia and the Canadian Arctic.

Interspersed with these images are scenes of the Habonim Youth Choir gathered around a grand piano in a candle lit room, singing *Lay Down Your Arms*. Renowned soloist and choir conductor Esther Ghan-Firestone wrote the vocal arrangements for the song and plays the piano during the video.

Lay Down Your Arms was produced and directed as a voluntary project by Israeli-born Yehoram Pirotsky, who presently works for Canada's Global television. Eli Rubenstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Habonim and director of Young Leadership for UIA of Canada, was executive producer of the project. Funds for the video were contributed by an anonymous Toronto philanthropist.

The video's Canadian premiere took place at the recent CJC Plenary.

The opening scene to the *Lay Down Your Arms* video contains the following introduction:

"On the occasion of Israel's 44th Anniversary of Independence, the Canadian Jewish community wishes to salute Israel and her people, to pay tribute to the memory of her fallen soldiers, and to express its deepest hope that a just and durable peace will, at long last, descend upon Israel and her neighbors."

Moshe Ronen, past chairman of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, commented: "... the video represents that which is most true about the Jewish people and the State of Israel since its inception: the fervent hope and prayer that peace and tranquility will be the destiny of all humanity."

The *Lay Down Your Arms* video is available for $10 from Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6B 4J2, tel: 782-7125.

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Canadian opens another mega mall in Israel

By DAVID LAZARUS

Next March, there'll be a special planeload of Canadians and Americans en route to Israel.

The estimated 300 won't be on a conventional mission to Israel, but there still will be a sense of mission: to show Israel as place where business can be done and missions accomplished.

In this case, the evidence will be the Canion Jerusalem, Montreal industrialist David Azrieli's latest mega-project in Israel opening next spring.

The $80 million, one million square foot mall, with 90 percent of its commercial space already leased out, will be Azrieli's third indoor shopping mall in Israel — the others are in Ramat Gan and Beersheva — and plans for an even more "mega" mall in Tel Aviv are also on the horizon.

The Jerusalem mall will fit into a vast project also now under construction that will include a soccer stadium, a zoo, a high-tech industrial park and hillside residences designed by world famous architect Moshe Safdie.

The planeload of businessmen and the public will be there at a special opening ceremony with the Jerusalem Symphony, conducted by Canadian Boris Brott, to show them something that has always been obvious, at least, to Azrieli, the head of Canpro Investments that Israel is the place for Canadian and Americans to invest in.

But you have to be committed.

Many potential foreign investors have long complained of Israeli red tape and other roadblocks meeting them at every turn, to the point where the attitude has become: "It's not worth it."

But while there can be many difficulties, the fact is, foreign investors can do well in Israel, but it takes a hands-on approach, said a Canion Jerusalem official.

"The strength of Azrieli is that he is there, every two, every three months. You have to be on the front lines," said Yaacov Perez, Canion Jerusalem's director of marketing and public relations.

In Montreal to attend a recent cocktail reception for Azrieli and his wife, Stephanie, given at the McCord Museum by the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim, a Jerusalem geriatric and psychiatric hospital, Perez said the new mall will create 2,000 new jobs for native Israelis and immigrants.

One of the mall's tenants will be a Super-Pharm drugstore opened by Torontonian Murray Koffler, owner of the Shopper's Drug Mart empire, who already has about a dozen Super-Pharms across Israel.

The trip next year, he said, will bring "potential businessmen, friends, and the public" to Israel for a week and show them the hard evidence that business dreams can be realized in Israel.

Perez, who had a successful eight-year stint in Montreal as the Jewish National Fund's special emissary, was pleased about talking about the planned trip because even after visiting Jewish communities the world over, he still considers Montreal's the "best" in respect to its structure, its sense of community, and its overall commitment to Jewish life.

In that context he believes Montreal Jews have what it takes to be a real part of the mission next year.

"With the immigration boom in Israel, the dream is to see a situation where we could find 10 angels to follow in his [Azrieli's] footsteps," Perez said.

Hatikva outlasts challengers

Hatikva has been around for more than 100 years, and it has outlasted many challengers. Interestingly, though, nobody ever actually chose *Hatikva* as Israel's national anthem. The state inherited it, if you will, along with all sorts of other treasures of the Zionist movement. The elites haven't always liked it, but the public has embraced it wholeheartedly.

Like the Jewish Agency, which served as the Jewish people's sort-of-government before statehood, there's no shortage of people who say the anthem's time has passed. It's done its deed, served its purpose, and should be replaced with something more appropriate.

Heresy! How dare anyone challenge *Hatikva*? Even Zubin Mehta has called it the most beautiful anthem on earth.

Maybe so, but is it the most appropriate anthem for the State of Israel?

Set aside for a moment the fact that nearly a fifth of the citizens of the State of Israel never dreamed of a return to Zion. The overwhelming majority of citizens, it could be argued, did hold onto that hope throughout centuries of exile.

But the exile has ended. The dream became reality 44 years aqo. Should we be looking back, or should we look forward?

The question is a minefield, and we won't try to answer it here. Just remember that over the years there have been efforts to change the anthem. It even came up in the Knesset once. In 1967 MK Uri Avneri tabled a bill that would have made Naomi Shemer's *Jerusalem Gold* the anthem. It never even went to committee.

It all began in Eastern Europe, you could say. Not an inappropriate place to begin a story about something that has been criticized as reeking of Diaspora life.

Hatikva is the fruit of the pen of Naphtali Herz Imber, a wandering Jewish poet who was born in Galicia in 1855 or 1856. Before he died in New York in 1909, he had managed to travel throughout Europe, Palestine, Britain and the United States. Everywhere he went, he wrote poetry, recited his poems to anyone who would listen, drank with hearty thirst and remained devoted to the nascent cause of Zionism.

In 1877, the 22-year-old Imber was living with Moshe Waldberg, a former Galician talmudist-turned-successful-attorney in Iasi, Romania. Waldberg had two sons, and according to the biography of Imber written by his daughter, Ethel Lithman, which is on file at the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, the three young men got along famously. Under the influence of his dear friends, Imber penned a poem called *Tikvatenu*. It was the beginning of an anthem.

In 1882, Imber traveled to Palestine, along with his mentor, Laurence Oliphant. During his years in Palestine, Imber traveled around the various Jewish communities and colonies, carrying copies of his poems at all times. When invited into people's homes, the story goes, he wasted no time before getting down to the serious business of drinking. Once he was adequately lubricated, he would begin to recite his poems to his hosts.

These encounters so inspired the young man that he would often scribble new stanzas on scraps of paper. This continued until *Tikvatenu* had no fewer than nine stanzas.

For this reason, many Jews in Palestine used to argue over where Imber penned the great poem. While they argued, the poem gained popularity.

The melody also has its own story. Imber wrote a poem without music. Various attempts were made to set it to music. The first apparently, was done by a composer named Leon Igly. He had been brought to Zichron Ya'acov by Baron Edmond de Rothschild for the express purpose of learning farming. He tried to learn, but didn't like it, so a Rothschild aide gave him a room in Rishon Lezion and handed him a copy of Imber's book of Hebrew poetry, *Barkai* (Morning Star).

Igly immediately turned to *Tikvatenu*, in its nine-verse version. In what he certainly thought was a stroke of creative genius, Igly wrote a different tune for each stanza.

Teaching the public to sing the unofficial anthem was so difficult that children who succeeded in getting through all nine verses used to get a prize of chocolate. But all the chocolate in the world couldn't make Igly's masterpiece catch on. He returned to Russia, and the melody was lost.

Soon thereafter, a new melody emerged in Rishon Lezion, the melody you'll probably be singing on Independence Day. Where did it come from? Some trace it to the Bohemian Symphony, by the Czech composer Smetana, but others say it is based on the Sephardic melody for Psalm 117 in the Hallel service.

Tikvatenu got a real boost back in 1890, when Rehovot was established. Each new Jewish community in Eretz Yisrael chose a song or poem, and the people who were building Rehovot chose *Tikvatenu*. That's how it came to pass that scores of workers would set out from Rishon Lezion each morning en route to Rehovot, singing *Tikvatenu* all the way.

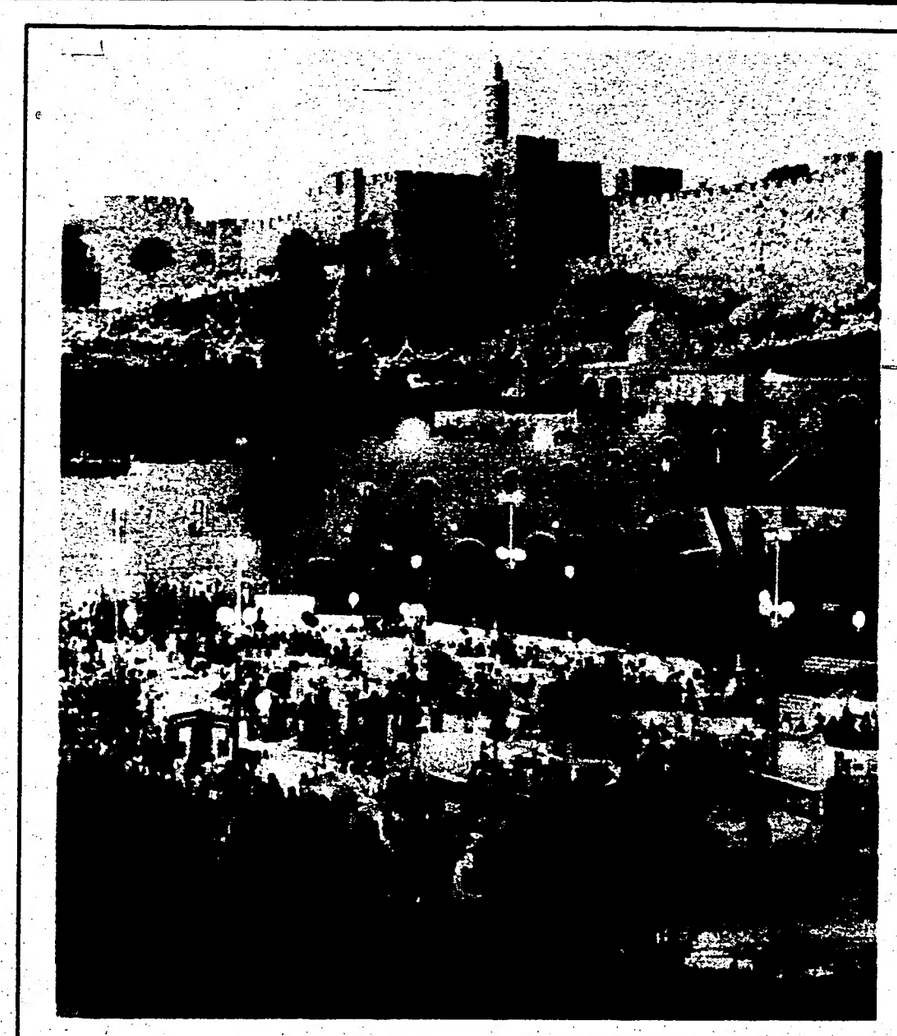
When Herzl visited Rehovot in 1898, he was greeted by a crowd singing the song, which had attained the importance of a national anthem as well as a work song.

Hatikva caught on quickly in the Yishuv and throughout the Diaspora. Although it was not chosen as the official anthem of the Zionist movement until the 1933 Zionist Congress, it was sung for decades before that date.

In 1893, the Galician Agudat Zion chose *Dort Vu Die Tzeder*, by Yitzhak Peled, as "the" Zionist anthem. This one caught on, and for years was a strong challenger to *Hatikva*.

Just before the First Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, Herzl and Max Nordau decided to hold a contest to select a hymn. They got 45 entries, of which 33 were in German, three were in Italian, and just one was in Hebrew. They were such a bad crop of songs that Herzl ordered them destroyed, and he cancelled the contest.

Just before statehood was achieved, the director of the Ohel Theater asked David Ben-Gurion to find a new hymn, while a move among Orthodox Jews proposed *Shir Hama'alot*. In 1948, *Hatikva* became the new country's national anthem, by default. Nobody had a better idea.



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Vladimir Ostrowsky, a former Soviet athlete champion who immigrated to Israel, prepares for the Barcelona Summer Olympics. (UJA Press Service photo)

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Ex-champion oversees walker's training

This sleepy village, west of the seaside resort of Netanya, is an unlikely place to see such a sight. A tall, slim former Soviet athletic champion, dressed in fluorescent-bright sports gear, is being put through his paces by a short middle-aged Israeli mother-of-four.

He is Vladimir Ostrowsky, 25, from Alta Ata in the Republic of Kazakhstan, who is the most likely to win medals for Israel at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona. She is Edna Buckstein, a native Israeli whose own competitive speed-walking days are over, and who is selflessly devoting herself to training Vladimir for the big event this summer.

Vladimir came to Israel with his family in 1990. Soon after he arrived, the Israeli Olympic committee contacted Edna, who had been the top woman speed-walker in America when she first took up the sport while studying for a master's degree in Miami. She has since accompanied Vladimir to the world championships in Tokyo in 1991, where he finished in a highly respectable 23rd position.

Now, Edna coaches Vladimir's walking technique and is responsible for his training schedule. In the beginning, she would chauffeur him back and forth from his bachelor's quarters near Hadera to the Wingate Sports Institute — Israel's largest training college for sportsmen and physical education teachers.

"He soon became part of the family and began to spend a great deal of time with us. In a way we also taught him something about how Israeli life works. When we took him to his first party in Israel, he was ready to leave before midnight because that is when parties finish in Russia."

Anti-Semitism

Vladimir began his athletic career in the former Soviet Union as a pole vaulter, but at the age of 14 changed course and took up speed walking. After completing his obligatory military service in Russia, he remained in the army to become a full-time physical education instructor. This gave him the opportunity to continue his professional training unhindered.

In 1990, Vladimir achieved the best time in the world for the 20 kilometre event. He was also the Soviet Union's champion walker on several occasions. But life in Kazakhstan for a Jew was not without its problems, and Vladimir felt the growing anti-Semitism.

Vladimir came to Israel with the help of Operation Exodus, the special United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign for Soviet Jews.

"There was an enormous amount of anti-Semitism since there are so many Muslims in Kazakhstan," Vladimir explains. "It was also difficult for my family to find work because we are Jews. And since I was in the army, it seemed almost impossible for me to leave the country."

Coming to Israel changed Vladimir's life. "There are problems," he admits, "but they are nothing compared to the situation in Kazakhstan."

Even so, it is difficult for Vladimir to ignore the fact that in the former Soviet Union he could train full-time with all his financial needs taken care of by the state. "It came as something of a shock to him that in Israel he is not regarded as special, even though everyone agrees that he is very likely to win a medal," says Edna, who is full of pride and admiration for the steadfast resolve of her energetic charge.

"His self-discipline is unbelievable," she says, recalling events last year. "Even during the Gulf War, when the scuds were falling on Israel, he continued his circuit training. Fortunately, Vladimir is highly motivated so he does not allow problems of any kind to get him down."

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A Full Plate — New Israeli immigrant Elena Livne displays one of the porcelain Passover seder plates that she creates daily. Elena celebrated her first Passover in Israel last year. (UJA Press Service photo)

Artist designs Passover plates

Elena Livne spent the past few months working painstakingly to produce fine porcelain Passover plates that graced the seder tables of Jews both in Israel and throughout the Diaspora.

Yet until she came to Israel in June 1990, Elena confesses that she knew virtually nothing about Passover. "A few times in Moscow I tasted matzot," she recalls, "and I vaguely knew that it was connected with an important festival of freedom. But drawing and painting these plates has taught me all about the bitter herbs of bondage and the salty tears we Jews shed before we came to freedom here in Israel."

Elena is a graphic artist at Na'aman, the Acre based manufacturer of chinaware, where thousands of Passover seder plates are produced for sale in Israel and around the world.

When we visited Elena she was engaged in the lengthy tracing and color separation process by which commissioned designs are fired onto the porcelain plates. While her work involves dealing with contemporary designs for plates and cups, the intricate, traditional patterns of the Passover plates have given her particular pleasure and professional satisfaction.

"This plate has nine different colors," she says, pointing at an especially elegant seder plate with oriential motifs. "Each color must be fired on separately."

Last year Elena participated in her very first Passover seder. This year, she celebrated the festival at a friend's home, along with her 7-year-old daughter.

"I must admit," says Elena, "that religion does not especially interest me intellectually. But it feels very good to return to my Jewish roots and be part of the Jewish people. So for that reason I appreciate the seder — to feel a part of something large and important."

In the Soviet Union, Elena worked as a graphic artist, designing certificates for outstanding workers at a huge government-owned enterprise.

"We were totally assimilated," she recalls, "yet everybody knew we were Jews. I never went to synagogue in my life. Even among Jews there were social pressures to be good atheists and communists."

Although her mother remains in Moscow, Elena is not interested in the future of Russia. "What will be will be," she observes, "but I am more interested in Israel. It is here that I am building my future. What most concerns me is the fortunes of this country and that there should be peace and prosperity for my daughter."

Elena and her daughter came to Israel with the help of Operation Exodus, the special United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign for Soviet Jews.

Starved for freedom all her life, Elena has suddenly discovered the pleasures of democracy. This month she will vote in the Knesset elections for the first time. She has already decided which political party will get her vote. But the most important thing, she stresses, is that now she has the freedom to choose. That is why this Passover has a personal, contemporary dimension for Elena. It marks for her the passage from bondage in Soviet Russia to freedom in Israel.

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International flavor spices up museum fest

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Four days of inaugural celebrations, culminating with a gala banquet in the museum's tented patio garden, marked the recent opening of the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem. It is the newest cultural landmark in Jerusalem and houses an unparalleled collection of ancient Near Eastern antiquities.

Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski of Toronto, New York and now living in Jerusalem, donated their extensive collection of artifacts and most of the funds for the museum. The collection has been enhanced with gifts, loans and contributions from around the globe, including the United States, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico and Japan.

Many of the donors, along with family members, friends and collectors from around the world, were in Jerusalem for the opening event. The inaugural events included a Mayors reception for overseas guests hosted by Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek with June Rowlands, the mayor of Toronto, a ribbon-cutting grand opening with Chaim Herzog, the president of the State of Israel, premier tours of the building with the founders, inaugural lectures, and the gala dinner.

National leaders, dignitaries and guests from Israel and abroad were greeted at the festive banquet by the museum's director, Benjamin Abileah, the former consul-general of Israel to Toronto and his wife Ruth who heads the gift shop in the museum. Abileah, who has taken a two years' leave from the foreign ministry to open and run the museum, referred to the BLMJ as "the pearl in the crown of Jerusalem."

The 350 guests at the banquet entered the long, low elegantly simple hillside building and walked through the well-planned galleries housing some 3,000 ancient artifacts. The guests descended a long staircase to an inviting open garden area which is fast becoming a favorite site for parties and simchas in Jerusalem.

Mayor Kollek, the honorary chairman of the board of the BLMJ, who was instrumental in obtaining the 5.5-dunam tract of land for the museum, praised Elie Borowski for "his vision in bringing his collection to Israel" and noted that "without Batya, it never would have come here. We in Jerusalem are extremely happy and grateful to the Borowski's — we are the first generation to say thank you."

Mayor Rowlands noted that "the occasion has an air of unreality about it. The museum is so unusual and exceptional and the collection priceless. It's the lifetime work of Dr. Elie Borowski and he gives it to Jews and Israel and it is a treasure for the world — a treasure that very few people have ever bequested to the generations to follow."

Rabbi Morton Green of Hamilton, a member of the board of the Lands of the Bible Archaeology Foundation, a Canadian affiliate of the BLMJ headed by Toronto lawyer Donald Carr, made the invocation and blessings. He added that "the most precious treasures in the museum are Elie and Batya."

Numerous Canadians and former Canadians were on hand for the celebrations including, Abe Waisglass, David Greenspan, Murray and Marvelle Koffler, Nathan and Lil Silver, Mildred Devor, Paul Denis, Barbara Barret, Sis Bunting Weld, Wolfe and Millie Goodman, Rubin and Faygie Zimmerman, Sara Pachter, Irving Zuker, Barbara Liebgott, Neda Leipen and others.

Surrounded by his loved ones and admirers, Elie Borowski thanked Jerusalem architect Ze'ev Schoenberg who designed the elegantly simple building, Clifford La Fontaine of New York who cleverly laid out the 20 galleries displaying the artifacts dating from 6,000 B.C.E. to 600 C.E. and the chief curator, Dr. Joan Goodnick Westenholz, for their outstanding contributions to the museum.

"The future of mankind has its roots in the past," says Elie Borowski. "The focus of the museum is on the Bible, the moral and spiritual source of western civilization — it provides a key to understanding the ancient world which in turn sheds light on our own world."

Leipen, the former curator and head of the Greek and Roman department at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto told the *The CJN* at the cocktail reception that the museum is a "contribution to scholarship in general and it is also very educational for the general public. It is in Israel where it belongs and where it has the most relevance and where people are more familiar with the geography and history of the area. This is a great achievement for Elie Borowski and he can be very proud of it."

"Indescribable feeling, breathtaking, unique, overwhelming and awesome" were some of the adjectives guests uttered to describe the BLMJ.

The centrepieces at the banquet were biblical plants in replicas of ancient clay vases. The menu included fruits from the Garden of Eden, patriarchal potage, King Solomon's salad, Tigris and Euphrates chicken, and Adam and Eve's favorite apple strudel.

For those who attended the opening celebrations, it was a celebration of the accomplishments of the Borowskis. Generations will gain benefits from the unswerving path set by the Borowskis which will illuminate religion and scholarship in the generations to follow.

Toronto's Mayor June Rowlands (left) congratulates Elie and Batya Borowski at a reception at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem.

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To be sure, the city has always been reputed for its beauty. It is written in the Talmud, "Ten measures of beauty were given the world; nine were taken by Jerusalem and one by all the rest."

But beauty can quickly fade. Centuries of neglect saw Jerusalem degenerate into a crumbling hilltop village, so that when American writer Mark Twain visited the holy city in the last century he wrote in his travel account *Innocents Abroad*, "Jerusalem is mournful, dreary, and lifeless."

In contrast, today the city is blossoming. As Jerusalem celebrates 25 years since its reunification, perhaps one of the most visible and tangible achievements has been the transformation of large, rocky tracts of harsh, barren terrain into parks and gardens that have a style all their own.

"We have sought to landscape rather than simply build parks," explains Dafna Helbitz of the Jerusalem Municipality's Department of Parks and Gardens. "The use of Jerusalem stone for pathways, extensive rockeries on the hillsides, and local flora ensures that parks complement rather than clash with the surrounding buildings and views."

This is exemplified in the national park that encircles the Old City walls built by the Ottoman Turkish ruler Suleiman the Magnificent in the 15th century. Leading southeastward from the Jaffa Gate is the Hinnom Valley, delightfully restored rather than redesigned with its classic Biblical silvery olive trees. The valley includes the Hassenfeld Amphitheater beneath the walls of the Old City which provides an inspiring venue for outdoor concerts.

Kollek gets credit for greening

If one man can take the credit for the greening of Jerusalem, it is mayor Teddy Kollek. Large plots of land designated for commercial buildings were reallocated for parkland through Kollek's persuasion.

The site of the Liberty Bell Garden in the Talbieh quarter of the city was originally slated for luxury hotels. The Liberty Bell Garden has today become a kind of outdoor community centre with daily activities for children. Opposite, the Bloomfield Gardens offer a view of the Old City. In the spring the place is ablaze with tulips, and narcissi, gifts from the Israel Committee in the Netherlands.

But Jerusalem's most common indigenous flower is perhaps the rose, best viewed in the Wohl Rose Garden near the Knesset, Israel's parliament. Here thousands of roses of all colors bloom throughout the year. The Wohl Rose garden leads down into Sacher Park, the city's largest open space and the site of many national events and rallies.

Favorite gathering spot

In addition, Independence Park, a welcome swathe of green in the centre of town, and several "pocket parks," small corners of green usually with playgrounds, serve the needs of local neighborhoods.

The Haas Promenade and Sherover Valley offer a special view of Jerusalem and the Old City. Consisting of look-out decks, gardens, picnic and recreation sites, the promenade was built on a 40-acre area and has become a favorite gathering spot of Jerusalemites.

The Jewish National Fund's major achievement has been to encircle Jerusalem with a green belt of forests. The most established section of the forest to the west, the Jerusalem Forest, includes some 6 million trees, representing the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

However, many of these trees both around and in Jerusalem were brought down during the past winter when the city became Jerusalem of White, receiving its heaviest ever recorded snowfall. In particular, the slim trunks of the Aleppo pines, which dominate much of the city's landscape, were snapped in half as crushing layers of snow settled on their leaves.

But after the thaw came spring. And once again the roses bloomed, the bright pinks and whites of the almond blossom set the city ablaze, and delicate pink cyclamen and deep red anemones pushed up through the rocky hillsides.

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Riding school therapy helps the handicapped

By CYNTHIA GASNER

At the Therapeutic Riding Club of Israel, a riding school for the disabled at Beit Yehoshua near Netanya, wheelchair-bound individuals are receiving therapy while enjoying the exhilaration of horseback riding.

Former Torontonian, Theo Koffler Stern, the chairman of the Therapeutic Riding Club, says that Beit Yehoshua emphasizes what people can do, not what they can not.

"Riding takes our students out of their daily drudgery and provides them with a sense of accomplishment," says Stern who married Israeli Yoav Stern 10 years ago and lives in Herzeliya Pituach. They have two sons, Omri, 8, and Itamar, 6.

Stern, the daughter of Marvelle and Murray Koffler, works with her brother Leon of Super-Pharm (Israel) Ltd. where she handles communications and marketing. A year and a half ago, she became a volunteer at the Riding Club.,

Founded in 1986, the non-profit club promotes the recovery of handicapped individuals through horseback riding, supports related medical research and trains and certifies therapeutic riding instructors. It is the only one of its kind in Israel.

Stern says that at the riding club, disabled people of all ages have an opportunity to develop their physical skills and independence through riding. The individuals have disabilities from various sources including traumatic injury, congenital injury, terminal illness, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, stroke, mental illness, mental retardation, learning disabilities and blindness.

Meir Sharon, 30, was an elite commander in the paratroopers of the Israel Defence Force. He was injured in a jeep accident in Lebanon and suffered a frontal lobe injury which caused paralysis in the right side of his body and basic memory loss.

After two months in a coma, his speech and writing skills were erased. He is a hemoplegic and he had to learn to move his whole body again.

Stern says that the impetus for Sharon's will to recover was gained at Beit Yehoshua. He has become an expert horseman and last year, he headed Israel's contingent at the competition in Denmark for disabled riders.

Dr. Meir Kleiger, who works at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv, is a road accident victim. Stern explained that Dr. Kleiger rides twice a week at the Therapeutic Riding Club.

Stern explains that riding is part of a physiotherapeutic method — the horse is used as a mediator for giving movement impulses. The swinging motion of the horse's back is transferred to the rider's pelvis and trunk. As the rider follows the horse's rhythm, the muscles are alternately tensed and relaxed and at the same time postural equilibrium responses are practiced and balance and co-ordination are improved.

She adds that although progress may seem quite slow, participants in the program develop a better approach to life and a more positive acceptance towards their disability. "Some riders attain such a high level of skill that they can be integrated into programs with able-bodied riders and begin to complete."

She says that horses must be carefully trained not to buck at unusual noises and to wait patiently as three people lift the rider into the saddle. "For better control, the horses are equipped with a double bridle and the shoe fits into a covered stirrup which minimizes slipping."

Stern explains that equipment is needed at the school — saddles which cost $1,000 U.S., bridles and bits $250 each, a collapsible riding arena for dressage competitions is $2,100, and numerous other pieces of equipment.

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Scientists swarm over site at Beit She'an

A cataclysmic earthquake that occurred more than 1,240 years ago has, ironically, preserved for posterity a profusion of artistic stone and marble objects which would otherwise have been lost. In fact, more than 1,500 artifacts have been discovered at the Beit She'an excavation site to date. Some of them, dating back to Roman times, weigh as much as 50 tons.

Located south of the Sea of Galilee, the settlement of Beit She'an dates from c. 3000BCE, making it one of the most ancient centres of population in the Middle East. Beit She'an only emerged from obscurity in the third century BCE, when it was mentioned as the Greek city of Scythopolis, later also known as Nyssa, after the name of the burial site of the nurse of Dionysos, god of wine.

The city and surrounding area have known continuous habitation for the last 7,000 years. Some 20 layers of ancient civilizations lie buried under the rubble. Beit She'an is the place where the victorious Philistines displayed the bodies of Saul and Jonathan slain in battle on the nearby slopes of Mt. Gilboa. A Stone Age settlement, a Bronze Age town, and an ancient Egyptian outpost preceded the Biblical town, which was followed by Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Arab domination.

Under Byzantine rule in the sixth century, its population reached an unprecedented 30,000-40,000. The city's prosperous economy rested mainly on agriculture. On the morning of January 18, 749, a massive earthquake shook Beit She'an, bringing most of the town to ruin. For 1,200 years it was only sparsely inhabited. Today Beit She'an is an Israeli city with a population numbering about 15,000.

Forty artifacts — statues of gods and emperors, capitals of columns, and parts of friezes and altars which once decorated the city of Beit She'an — are now on display in a stunning archeological exhibition at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The items on display date from the second to fourth centuries and include a statue of Hermes, protector of travellers, god of merchants and thieves, and the escort of souls to the next world; a head of Athena, goddess of wisdom; a torso of an emperor in armor, possibly Marcus Aurelius; an idealized portrait of marble of Alexander the Great; a headless statue of Tyche, goddess of fortune and patron of cities; and a beautiful altar dedicated to Dionysos, god of wine and pleasure, the legendary founder of the city.

The stone and marble exhibits form only a small part of the archeological yield still being unearthed at Beit She'an. Most of the artifacts were discovered during the past five years of excavations carried out by a joint expedition of the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, led by Profs. Yoram Tsafrir and Gideon Foerster.

Unlike most archeological digs, which are seasonal, conducted for a few weeks each year, work at the Beit She'an site is an all-year-round affair, with hundreds of scientists and laborers busy there on a rotating basis.

While early excavations of Beit She'an were conducted in the 1920s by a team from the University Museum of Philadelphia, major work at the site began in 1986. So far, only 20 acres out of an area comprising 375 acres have been investigated. Visitors to the excavations of Beit She'an can see remains of a Roman-Byzantine city dating from the second to the seventh centuries CE, walk along colonaded Roman streets, and admire the perfect acoustics of an amphitheatre with a capacity of some 7,000, built for entertaining the Roman masses.

Head of Athena, goddess of war, part of a marble statue excavated at Beit She'an in northern Israel. (Photo: N. Slapak — Courtesy Israel Museum)

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Jabotinsky Park worth visit

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In later years Shuni housed the central commander's school of the Irgun Zva'i Leumi (Etzel), and it was from here that Etzel fighters embarked on such daring missions as the assault on Acre Prison to free their jailed comrades in 1947.

Jabotinsky Park covers a large expanse of almost 40 acres and includes a number of focal attractions for both youth and adults. Shuni Fortress, its central landmark, has been renovated and restored and is rapidly being filled with exciting exhibits portraying the annals of the site and the region from the time of Bar Kochba.

At the entrance to the fortress, a special hall has been inaugurated to commemorate Ze'ev Jabotinsky through a graphic exhibit and an audio-visual program. Unique archaeological discoveries unearthed in the adjacent excavations will also be displayed in two separate halls.

JNF is currently excavating the remains of the Roman theatre and the Talmudic village of Shuni which surround the fortress. To date, the original stage of the theatre has been uncovered, and plans call for rehabilitation of the facility so that it can host cultural programs for residents of the entire region.

The excavations have also revealed the foundations of a number of adjacent structures, several mosaic floors, wine and oil presses and other artifacts. One of the latest discoveries is an aqueduct, three feet wide and over five feet high, which conducted water from Shuni to Caesaria.

For the young at heart, the highlight of the project is JNF's youth camp which is quickly mushrooming on the outskirts of the park. Concrete tent platforms have already been constructed, as has an attractive service building, housing washrooms and showers. Soon to come are additional facilities that wil permit year-round utilization of the camp.

Jabotinsky Park was recently inaugurated when it hosted a festive World Assembly of Etzel veterans. After surveying the site and enjoying a picnic dinner, the capacity crowd of 2000 gathered on the grassy slopes of a natural amphitheatre facing the fortress to hear an address by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

This amphitheatre will eventually be equipped with an acoustic stage. JNF also prepared expansive parking facilities at the park entrance and planted groves of trees to complement the landscape.

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McLeod slams NDP policies at Bonds lunch

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario's NDP government has not been able to break free from its ideology and past loyalties, Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod told a State of Israel Bonds luncheon here last week.

In front of some 400 members of Bonds' construction and development division, McLeod tore a strip out of Bob Rae, saying the premier's policies have resulted in "chaos."

"The government that set out a year ago to spend its way out of the recession suddenly found, as its deficit went out of control, that it had to curtail spending," McLeod said.

"The result has been chaos in our school systems, hospitals, colleges and universities as they struggle to cope" with a drop in funding from Queen's Park from an eight percent increase last year to just one percent more money this year, she added.

In April, 17,000 jobs disappeared from Ontario, while in March, the number was 49,000, McLeod noted, adding that one in 10 Ontarians is on some form of social assistance.

In 1989, there were 361,000 people employed by the construction and development industry in Ontario. Today, the number is 224,000, a 38 percent drop, she stated.

McLeod said the Liberals have suggested that the 30 percent increase in gasoline taxes levied in the NDP's first budget be rolled back and that the line be held on other taxes.

The Liberals also feel "very strongly" that the NDP "should stop playing games" with Sunday shopping.

(McLeod made the comment prior to Rae giving the green light to Sunday shopping last week.)

McLeod also denounced the NDP's capital spending as insufficient and short of its stated goals.

"It would be interesting to contrast the provincial government's capital spending program with Israel's creative use of bonds to forge ahead with growth and improvements in its infrastructure," she said.

Only through economic renewal, by way of job creation, less bureaucracy and not treating business as just another interest group, will unemployment and welfare costs ease, she stated.

McLeod praised the Jewish community for its "commitment of talent, energy and concern [for] public life." Purchasing State of Israel Bonds reinforce "the important ties between Israel and Canada."

Joining Liberal leader Lyn McLeod at a recent State of Israel Bonds luncheon were (from left) event co-chairmen David Smith, Eli Shvili and Loren Kruger. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

Diamond founded teachers seminary

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Joseph Diamond, former director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Toronto, died in Miami May 25 and was buried there May 27. He was 87.

Diamond came to Toronto from Rochester, N.Y., after the United Jewish Welfare Fund established the need for a Bureau of Jewish Education here. He headed the Rochester Hebrew Day School and was the former president of the National Council of Jewish Education. He had taught in Minneapolis, Minn.

A graduate of the Boston Hebrew Teachers College in 1925, he obtained a Bachelor of Education degree from Clarke University in Worcester, Mass. He received his PhD from Dropsie College in 1935.

He was the founder and dean of the Jewish Teachers Seminary in Toronto, Midrasha L'Morim.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hilda and also by his daughter, Rena Herberman.

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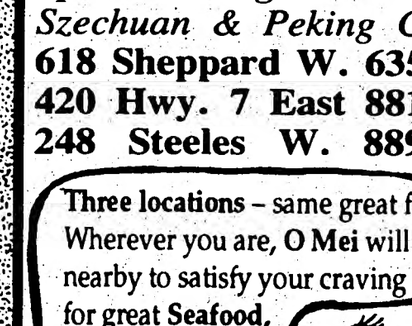

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Oy, to be a Kohen in Bombay

By JACK GOLDFARB

BOMBAY —

"How fortunate that you are a Kohen . . . Can you help us?" The plea came from several leaders of the Bombay Jewish community as we sat having tea in the lobby of the Oberoi Towers Hotel overlooking Nariman Point.

My wife and I were on one of our periodic visits to Bombay. As an American travel writer I am fascinated by India's tourist attractions.

"We have had no Kohen included in our community for the past four years," said Ezra Moses, secretary of the Council of Indian Jewry.

"We have many first-born sons who have never been 'redeemed' because of this," explained Joya Bhattacharya, the Council treasurer. "Could you possibly perform the ceremony for us on your next visit?"

That was a year ago. This summer my wife and I decided to make the 13,000-kilometre journey again from New York. A long way to go to earn a mitzvah.

Informed of our arrival date in Bombay, Joya Bhattacharya wrote back to express her delight at our coming and to convey the community's warm thanks.

But the day before we were to leave New York, Tuesday, June 25, I received a strange telegram from Joya, advising us that our June 28 date set up for the "Redemption" (Pidyun Haben) ceremony "was inauspicious." Could we please postpone our trip or reroute ourselves to arrive in Bombay about three weeks later?

I was flabbergasted and dismayed that this Jewish ceremony should be scheduled according to beliefs in astrology. I woke Joya up early in the morning with my phone call from New York.

"What do you mean 'inauspicious'?" I demanded. "I can't believe that you. . . ."

"Don't you know," she calmly interrupted, "that a Pidyun Haben ceremony or other such happy occasion cannot be celebrated during the three weeks preceding Tisha b'Av?" (The tragic date on which the Temple in Jerusalem was twice destroyed.)

She was right, of course. But I realized we would be arriving — after a day's stopover in Frankfurt — on Friday, June 28, still two days before the three-week restriction began. The ritual could not be observed, of course, on the Sabbath, the last day before the three-weeks began.

"But we still have Friday the 28th," I assured her. "Let's make it then." Already psyched up to conduct the ceremony, I wasn't calling it off so easily.

Joya detailed the difficulties of bringing children, parents and congregants into Bombay from outlying towns and villages early enough in the day for them to return home before sundown on a Friday. But she would try. She scheduled the event hopefully for 10 a.m., Friday, June 28.

We flew into Frankfurt on Wednesday, left the next day and appeared at the Oberoi Towers reception desk at 2 a.m., Friday morning, disheveled and weary from the nine-hour flight.

The night clerk searched his files for our reservation. "I'm sorry," he said, slightly embarrassed, "I don't see any reservation for you. But," he added, smilingly, "no problem, we have plenty of rooms. You'll be officially registered when our computer opens up for the day at 6 a.m."

We took our room keys and hurried off to bed.

Meanwhile, Joya Bhattacharya, who had been designated to handle the details for the ceremony, wanted most of all to know we had arrived safe and sound in Bombay. She phoned the Oberoi Towers at midnight Thursday and was told there was no record of any reservation for us.

With scores of community members starting out early in the morning to the Magen Chassidim synagogue for the event, Joya was in for a restless night.

At 3 a.m. she phoned the hotel again. "No, madam," the telephone operator insisted firmly, "we have no Goldfarbs booked or staying at the hotel." The computer slept on.

At 5:30, Joya, sleepless and ever more nervous, tried once more. "Madam," snapped the operator impatiently, "those people are not here!"

Joya's husband, Dilip, sympathetically awake, suggested a check with Lufthansa airline, whose flight from Frankfurt was due in during the night. Joya's call to their airport office brought the reply, "No such passengers on board."

"Call Pan American Airways," Dilip urged.

"They wouldn't fly Pan Am," said Joya inexplicably. The fact was, we did.

Joya spent the next two hours thinking up plausible excuses to give the assembled congregation at the 10 a.m. service. She seized on an opportune incident that would provide a credible — yet possibly true — reason why the Goldfarbs had not shown up in Bombay: the attempted kidnapping of Israeli tourists in Kashmir two days before. The Israelis had actually fought off their attackers, but had suffered casualties.

The episode was enough to scare off visitors to India, particularly Jewish travellers. The congregation would be quite disappointed, but they would accept such an explanation for cancelling a trip.

At 8 a.m. Joya's next-door neighbor popped in to inquire whether all the Pidyun Haben arrangements were in place. A bundle of taut nerves, Joya begged the neighbor to phone the Oberoi. One last effort. "They'll recognize my voice," said Joya.

The neighbor dialed. The computer, fully awake since the hour of six, flashed our names on the screen. The call went through.

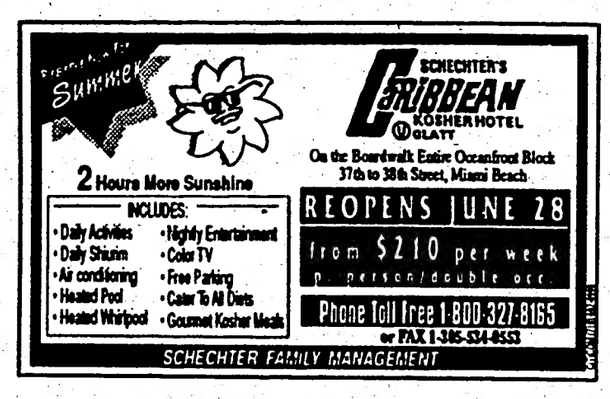
Simone Goldfarb mumbled a sleepy "Hullo. . . ."

"Is that you, Simone?" shrieked Joya. "I'm so-o-o happy you're here. . . !"

The rest was easy. The wild, horn-blaring taxi ride through Bombay's impenetrable traffic. The hearty welcome at the venerable, crowded synagogue tucked away off the old Moreland Road. Most of all, the reverential atmosphere in the house of worship as the first-born sons and their parents stepped up to the bima, one family at a time, for the "redemption," offering the Kohen handfuls of coins in the traditional rite as old as Judaism itself.

The boys, dressed in their festive best, ranged in age from seven months to 17 years. All 14 of them — a record number for a Pidyun Haben in Bombay, and probably in India itself — were blessed and "restored" to their parents.

The treasure of coins was donated to charity (minus those "souvenirs" given to the youngsters") and the colorful, memorable ceremony came to an end.



Correction

In the Party supplement that appeared in the June 4 issue of *The Canadian Jewish News*, the article on makeup left out two phone numbers.

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Cool kids go crazy over leggings

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Kid's strongest fashion statement this season is still leggings or bicycle shorts topped by oversized T-shirts.

"Leggings, leggings and more leggings. They're comfortable, easy to wash and they even look great," says Aileen Beninger, owner of children's manufacturer, No No No.

Beninger, who designs and manufactures clothes for children from six months to size 14 says that the 95 percent cotton/5 percent lycra pants available in leggings and cycle length are popular for all age groups.

"What is also going gang busters this season is a one-piece cycle suit for boys in sizes 2 to 6X. The sleeveless suit can be worn with or without a shirt and when it is topped by a racing hat with a flipped back brim, the boy is ready for camp or play."

Jane Fitzwilliam, a buyer for the Bay stores, says that short-alls have become very important play-wear this summer. "These cut-off overalls are available in prints or solids and are often garment-washed which gives them a softer, sort of faded look. Kids love them."

Colors, says Beninger, are primary and bright. "Muted tones are just not important this year. Purple haze which is a bluish purple, bright yellow and flamingo pink are the rage. Babies colors are a little softer — yellow, royal blue and turquoise. Everything is pre-washed, non-shrink and no-iron. That is most important for moms."

Beninger, who has a local Toronto artist design many of the prints for her outfits says that a turtle and palm tree motif is quite popular amongst the younger set. "Girls like our daisy prints and babies look great in a small dotted print or lady bug design. That print for babies looks great in a one-piece suit with snaps up the legs."

She stresses that older boys are not as interested in prints as they are in basic solid sweats with knee patches. "This age group is into the generic look. They want to look good and feel comfortable."

Fitzwilliam says that despite the popularity of the casual outfit, girls are still looking at fussy, traditional dresses. "They enjoy wearing the traditional lace, ribbons and sash type dress in colors such as pink, purple, fuchsia and indigo blue. The dress appeal has not changed that much over the years."

Doubling as a dress is the hooded beach cover-up in bright jerseys designed and manufactured by No No No. "It's a far cry from the traditional terry bathing suit cover-up," says Beninger.

Fitzwilliam says that what is most important of all is that parents get value for their money. "They do not want to spend a lot of money on children's clothes but they want to make sure they last. If they buy wisely, a good quality item can last through several children."

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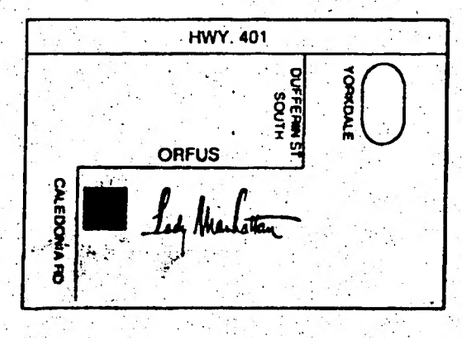

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After 5 tips:

Dorothy Gallo, owner of Dorota's, features a full collection of mix-and-match separates that continue from season to season.

Wearability is a key buying factor

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

In light of the current recession, people have not only set limits on their fashion dollars but they have also toned down their fashion styles.

Both Dorothy Gallo of Dorota's and Ruth Lanys of Original Imports agree that fashions for women's after five and evening wear are elegant and classic but ageless. Gone is the frivolity of the 1980s.

Gallo says that her summer collection includes stretch body suits, silk chiffon short dresses and fitted dresses in cotton. Jackets tend to be bolero style.

In the cotton grouping, many pieces are black and white with accents of orange, yellow and navy. For evening, Dorota's carries a glitter story that take the form of camisoles and bodysuits.

"We are buying carefully and carrying the collection into fall with the colors. This means that the pieces are wearable all year round," Gallo says, adding that this will allow the customer to mix-and-match separates from season to season.

Gallo says that the customer is looking to the quieter image this season and in accordance with this trend, is moving from patterns to solids.

An off-white collection is available and Gallo stresses that all her solids are accented with color.

Pants for evening is a newer trend. Gallo says that the pants are narrow, slim lined and beautifully trimmed with silk and satin.

The short fitted blazer worn over a stretch body suit is another winnner for the season, she says.

Gallo has owned Dorota's for the past 12 years and currently they have two locations. One store houses the designer collection and the second hold Gallo's collection of sportswear.

Lanys agrees that there is wearability in separates and the cocktail suitings that are available for the summer season is the way to go. Dresses are in short supply, she says.

Original Imports is showing suits with beaded jackets, chiffon skirts and slip dresses that are worn with jackets. She describes the styles as feminine.

As far as colors are concerned, Lanys says that while most customers who walk into her store are looking for a colorful outfit, 90 percent purchase something in black, white or navy. This can be attributed to the classic wearability they want in after five and evening wear.

However, as the store carries the full gamut, Lanys also has patterned outfits and gold beaded dresses that are "fun and wild".

Lanys has run Original Imports for the past 11 years but the business itself is over 40 years old.

In addition to after five and evening wear, Lanys is showing a women's sportswear and pieces that can be used to accessorise any outfit.

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Sheldon Howard (left) of Infinity Fine Art gallery and joint venture partner Abrasha Rachkovsky of Jerusalem with a painting by Michael Yichilevitch titled The Conversation.

New gallery looks at Jerusalem from the eyes of immigrants

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Jerusalem Day 1992 was marked with the opening of a new gallery with its premier exhibition entitled Inside Jerusalem.

The Infinity Fine Arts gallery opened at 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 203, featuring the works of eight artists from the former Soviet Union now living in Israel.

Sheldon Howard, who opened the Toronto gallery with Charmaine Foley, says the *Inside Jerusalem* exhibit's name was taken from the painters' works which reveal Jerusalem as they discovered it for the first time, "in a fusion of longing, passion, creativity and color."

Infinity is a binational joint venture with The 39 Steps Art Gallery on Queen Shlomtzion Street in Jerusalem. The collection had its debut at 39 Steps and has been brought to Toronto especially for this exhibition, says Howard. "None of the works have ever been seen before in North America."

Abrasha Rachkovsky, the curator of the exhibition and director of The 39 Steps Art Gallery, who is originally from Vilnius, Lithuania, was in Toronto for the opening of the new gallery. Both galleries represent Russian artist who are now living in Israel.

Two of the better known artists taking part in the opening in Toronto are Yefin Ladizhinsky and Vera Gutkins.

Ladizhinsky's works have been exhibited in one-man shows at the Israel Museum and Moscow's Artist House and his works currently hang in the permanent collection of the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg. Ladizhinsky died tragically in Israel in 1982.

Paintings featured in exhibits

Gutkina's paintings have been featured in one-woman exhibitions in London, Paris and New York as well as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. She has been described by Gideon Efrat, one of Israel's leading critics, as "among the best artists to immigrate to Israel from the [former] Soviet Union in the past 25 years."

Several relative newcomers, both to Israel and the art scene in the West are olim who paint in the very rich Russian tradition started in the early part of the century by such artists as Robert Falk, Marc Chagall and Vasily Kadinsky.

Torontonian Howard, a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, freelance writer and former news producer with *Worldwide Television News* (WTN) in Israel explains that, "Infinity is an opportunity for me to pursue something I'm passionate about. My goal is to present people in Toronto and eventually across Canada with the works of artists I believe deserve international recognition. I am committed to supporting them in their work."

Howard says, *"Inside Jerusalem* documents a very important time. It's not only an exhibition of exceptional pieces of art, but also pieces of history. The show captures some of the mystic quality of Jerusalem — something that has captivated artists for centuries."

Rachkovsky comments, "to me the current situation in Israel, from an artistic point of view, is very similar to the one in Paris in the early part of the century.

"Artists like Chagall, Picasso, Modigliani and Soutine emerged from that period. I see the same thing happening with the artistic talent now in Israel. The country has been hit by a jolt of artistic power that is only now beginning to take shape in the West. Infinity is helping that happen. I see it as a real opportunity for our artists and for viewers and collectors in Toronto."

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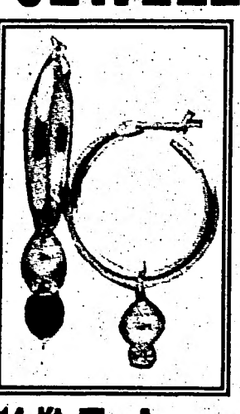

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Eye on Arts

The comedy troupe Funny Gay Males will hit Toronto June 18 and 19 as part of the 1992 People's Comedy Festival, which runs from June 12-21.

Funny Gay Males features the antics of Danny McWilliams, Bob Smith and Jaffe Cohen. Cohen adds his gayness to Jewish humor to produce an original meld. ("I have a gay Orthodox Jewish friend — this guy is in the closet with two sets of dishes.")

The comics will be performing at Winter Garden Theatre, 189 Yonge St.

For tickets call 872-5555.

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A new block of tickets has been relased for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Toronto's Elgin Theatre. The North American premiere, which starts June 18, will now be extended to Sept 5.

Tickets may be purchased at the theatre box office, 189 Yonge St., at the Pantages Theatre box office, 244 Victorica St., at all TicketMaster outlets or may be charged by calling (416) 872-2222.

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The National Library of Poetry has announced that $12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is June 30.

Any poet can participate. To enter, send one original poem to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-ZE, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

The poem should be no more than 20 lines and the poet's names and address should appear on the top of the page.

Entries must be postmarked by June 30. A new contest opens July 1.

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Up to 100,000 people are expected to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition to be held July 10-12 in Nathan Phillips Square. Admission is free to the public.

Approximately 450 one-of-a-kind artists will exhibit their works ranging from original oil paintings, photographs, prints, jewelry, ceramics, glass, sculpture, fibre, wood and folk art.

All applicants are screened by a jury that includes internationally recognized artists, curators and dealers from the local art community.

This year, approximately $12,000 in prizes will be awarded to selected artists.

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Stage Centre productions has released its slate of productions for the 1992-93 season which will include *The Waltz of the Toreadors, Agnes of God, Inherit the Wind, The Heiress and Dames at Sea.*

Stage Centre productions presents a three-week run of each play at Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr.

For further information call 299-5559.

Arts

The Goodbye People stars (from left) Brenda Robins, Al Kozlik and Richard Binsley.

Jewish heritage shines in The Goodbye People

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A production of the Broadway hit *I'm Not Rapaport* in Berlin had to be closed because the director wanted to take out or soften lines about the Jewish background of Rapaport.

Herb Gardner, the 57-year-old New York playwright who insisted on closing the play down, said he believes anti-Semitism is increasing in Europe.

"Another German production ran for four years and it was faithful to the script," Gardner told *The CJN* during a visit to Toronto for the opening of one of his earlier plays *The Goodbye People* which runs at Theatre Plus until June 20.

Gardner said he also had to threaten to close a production of the play in Paris because an actor objected to lines dealing with Rapaport's memories of a New York garment workers' strike at the turn of the century.

"The actor said he had trouble saying the lines. But the play eventually ran for two years in Paris with that speech intact."

The playwright said he has run into the attitude on the part of some producers "that Rapaport should be Jewish but not *that* Jewish."

I'm Not Rapaport enjoyed a successful run in Toronto.

As he gets older, Gardner said he finds himself drawn more and more to wriing about his Jewish heritage and his current Broadway hit *Conversations with My Father* is the result. The playwright said he hopes the play will come to Toronto by 1993.

The central character in *The Goodbye People* is a Russian Jewish immigrant who dreams about re-opening a hot dog stand on Coney Island *(Max's Hawaiian Ecstasies)* in the dead of winter even though he went broke trying to run the place 22 years earlier.

It was written in 1969 and, unfortunately, the play shows its age. It has themes common to Gardner's *A Thousand Clowns* his first big hit. In this genre, characters have trouble opening up to each other and both plays have a main character who quits a hated job.

If you like New York plays of the 70s, and make allowances for the world having become more complicated since then, you will get a lot of laughs from the *The Goodbye People*.

Al Kozlik is not entirely believable as Max Silverman who wont give up his dream on Coney Island. The most consistent performance was by Richard Binsley who plays Arthur Korman, the sunrise watcher, who quits his job and invests $10,000 in Max's attempted comeback. The gem of the night was a thoughtful piece of acting by Benedict Campbell, son of director Douglas Campbell, as Max's son-in-law.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Renewing The Covenant by Eugene B. Borowitz, $32.50, Jewish Publication Society

Theology, by its very nature, is complex and difficult. Abraham J. Heschel wrote that the answers provided by theology are questions in disguise; every new answer giving rise to further questions. A cynic pointed out that a theologian has a problem for every solution.

Eugene Borowitz is the author of 12 books, editor of *Shma, a Journal of Jewish Responsibility*, and professor of Jewish religious thought at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion.

Renewing the Covenant, many years in the making, is the first systematic statement of theology since Heschel set forth his comperhensive philosophy of Judaism. It requires study rather than ordinary perusal. Although written for a lay audience, it assumes considerable knowledge of Jewish thought and makes use of an elaborate vocabulary.

The author is sure that non-Orthodox Jews — whose Jewishness is neither incidental nor marginal to their existence — require a new theology. The incredible Jewish saga of recent decades, its accomplishments as well as its ineffable tragedy, has reinforced Jewish loyalties. An increasing number of men and women are conscious of a Jewish self that gives point and meaning to their identity. It is to this self — and its implications — that the author strives to give theological purpose.

Folly to surrender commitment

The Jew stands in relationship to God, not in bare individuality, but as one of the Covenant people. The "Torah" that results from this God — Israel — self synthesis asserts Borowitz "is more individualistic and pluralistic than Orthodoxy can tolerate, more particularistic than rationalists will find responsible, more theocentric than humanists can allow, more ethnic than personalists find congenial."

A firm believer in Jewish particularism, Borowitz stresses that it is folly to surrender commitment to our own faith in the name of humankind. By doing so we surrender the very mandate that alone can require us to dignify humankind.

After 20 searching chapters that explore the various forms of the Covenant that link the Jewish self to God, the author sums up his theological findings. Simply presented these are:

— The Jewish self lives personally and primarily in involvement with the one God of the universe.

— A Jewish relationship with God inextricably binds selfhood and ethnicity, with its multiple ties of land, language, history, traditions, fate and faith.

— Against the common self's concentration on immediacy, the Covenant renders the Jewish self radically historical.

— Though the Jewish self lives the present out of the past, it necessarily orients itself to the future.

— Despite the others with whom it is so intimately intertwined — God and the Jewish people, present, past and future — it is as a single soul in its full individuality that the Jews exist in Covenant.

Renewing the Covenant, is a profound, deeply-felt treatise that will be welcomed by thoughtful and concerned Jews as an opportunity for increased knowledge and understanding.

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Business Outlook

Guide rates after-sale service

TORONTO —

For the fifth consecutive year the number of new home builders in Ontario who provide excellent after-sales service has increased.

This year, the number of builders rated "excellent" by the Ontario New Home Warranty Program in its newly released edition of the 1992 *Home Buyer's Guide to After-Sales Service* has increased 10.5 percent over last year's figures.

Published annually by the Warranty Program, the guide is a 183-page report card which rates the quality of after-sales service provided by 6,137 registered Ontario new home builders.

Warranty Program president/registrar Barry Rose said this year's increase in the number of builders rated "excellent" sends a clear message to new home buyers. "From an industry perspective, builders are getting much better at recognizing the value of after-sales service and producing quality products," Mr. Rose said.

"We are also seeing a significant trend towards improved care in workmanship and more industry emphasis on education and training both on and off the job site," he said.

Established in 1976 to administer the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act, the Warranty Program serves as an industry gatekeeper whose role is to ensure that every new home buyer in Ontario receives a quality product and that builders meet high standards.

Rose said that in today's competitive market, builders are quick to recognize the need for a competitive edge, and annual publication of the home buyer's guide is a top notch positioning tool for builders who are anxious to take leadership roles in communities throughout the province.

Of the 6,137 Ontario builders listed in the 1992 guide, 3,878 were active, 1,778 were inactive and 481 were part of multiple listings.

In total 1,419 ratings were allocated in the following areas:

- 1253 excellent ratings, a 10.5 percent increase over 1991 figures;
- 14 above average ratings, a 51.75 percent decrease from 1991 figures;
- 67 average ratings, a 20 percent decrease from 1991 figures; and
- 85 below average ratings, a 50.25 percent decrease from the 1991 figures.

A new seal of excellence

It should be noted that builders may receive different ratings if they build in more than one area.

Ratings are derived by comparing the number of conciliations a builder receives to the number of homes possessed during the previous three. This year's guide covers the years 1989, 1990 and 1991.

"The builders rated excellent in the 1992 guide have been involved in the industry for a minimum of three years. They have demonstrated staying power, and we are pleased to award them an excellent rating. For those, however, who will want to enter the market at the next upturn, they are going to find entry requirements and standards in terms of technical competence and financial strength tougher than ever before," said Rose.

The Warranty Program has also introduced this year a new seal of excellence. It will be awarded to Ontario builders who meet the criteria for an excellent rating and it can be used for advertising or promotional purposes. Introduction of the seal will also provide an opportunity to recognize and reward approximately 250 low volume builders who meet a new threefold criteria. Rose counsels new home buyers to both reference the home buyer's guide and to look for the seal of excellence when assessing new home builders.

The Home Buyer's Guide to After Sales Service is distributed free of charge to Ontario new home buyers. It can be ordered by calling the Warranty Program toll-free at 1-800-688-7504.

The Ontario New Home Warranty Program is a private, non-profit corporation mandated by the provincial government to administer the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act. The act is consumer protection legislation requiring all builders to register with the program, and to enrol every new home built in the province. New home purchases are guaranteed substantial warranty protection under the act for two years and seven years for major structural defects.

Yochanan Shavit joins Epilady International as the president

KIBBUTZ HAGOSHRIM —

Yochanan Shavit has been appointed president of Epilady International, a subsidiary of Mepro Epilady Ltd.

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The company has recently launched another new product: a chemical-free electronic lice comb, which already is being successfully marketed in numerous countries worldwide.

Mepro Epilady has subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Australia, South America, and — in the near future — Europe. The company's chairman of the board is Benny Peled, former head of the Israeli Air Force.

Shavit himself is a kibbutz member. Before his arrival in the United States, Shavit held several senior level positions, among them: economical general manager of the kibbutz, general manager of the Lordan & Co. metal enterprise for four years, Lordan's European export manager for six years.

MDRT to feature Sonny Goldstein

CHICAGO —

Sonny Goldstein, CLU, ChFC, of Toronto, will be among the 100 speakers scheduled to address Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) members at the 1992 MDRT annual meeting, June 21 to 25, in Chicago.

Goldstein, a 10-year Round Table member, will participate in the "Breakfast with Champions."

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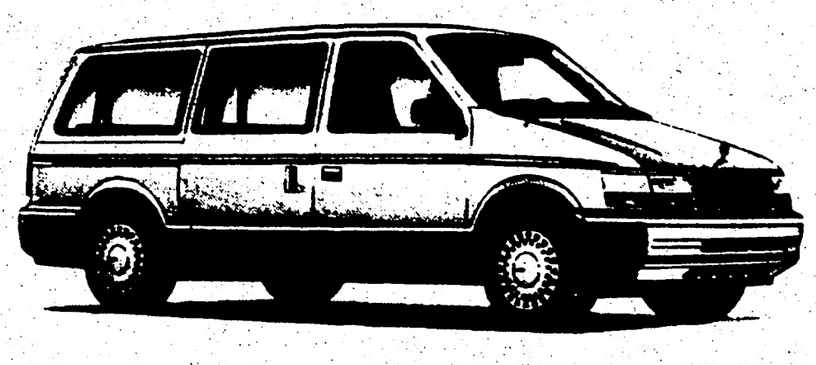
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55 Obituaries

ISAAC BERNEMAN ז"ל

No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the Kingdom of the Night.

Elie Wiesel

The loving family of Isaac Berneman announce with great sorrow his untimely death Thursday, May 21, 1992, 9:20 p.m. at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

He will be dearly missed by his beloved wife of 45 years, Rela, whose companionship and devotion he treasured.

His memory will be lovingly cherished by his daughters Susan (Muskat) and Shelley (Kraus), sons-in-law Saul Muskat and Arthur Kraus and adoring granddaughters Cyrelle, Arianna, Samara, Ilana and Sasha.

He leaves us memories of a charming, witty, selfless, dedicated, tireless, humourous and most lovable husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by a sister Rachel Fisher, Toronto and brother Abe, Denver Colorado. He will be sorely missed and dearly remembered by his many friends, most especially by his loyal lifelong friend Isaac Zucker and his family.

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Scherer, Morris on May 29, 1992.
Schwartz, Ethel on May 29, 1992, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Sussman, Ian on May 29, 1992. 10448

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Joel Krakauer** will take place on Sunday, June 14, 1992, 11:20am, at Lambton Cemetery, Beth Emeth Section. 10344

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BETTY WEINBERG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 12:30 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SONJA KAGAN ז"ל
beloved mother of Hy Kagan and Carol Modein
will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Adath Sholom Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late
SYDNEY SHOYCHET ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MOLLY BARRON ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Ewa (Chawa) Birnbaum ז"ל
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shomer Shabat Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
OSCAR HOLTZMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lodzer Centre Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
MAX FEDERMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
LEO CHARNEY ז"ל
devoted husband & beloved father
will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, June 21st, 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Shalom Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PERCY GRADER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Temple Emanu-El Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

JACOB RIESENBACH ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

Stopnitzer Society Section

Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

HARRY WAGNER ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Mount Sinai Memorial Park

Farband Section

Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late

ESTER SCHNOLL ז"ל

will take place

Sunday, June 14th, 11:00 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

National Order of Hatzofim Section II

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late

ABRAHAM SALTZBERG ז"ל

will take place

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Pardes Shalom Cemetery

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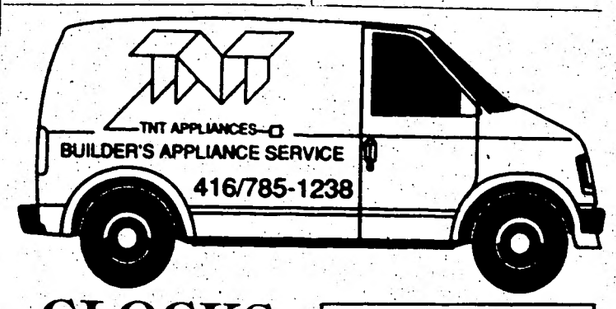

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